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NEW DEMANDS AND HOW TO MEET THEM

By Miss Minnehaha Finney, Mansoura, Egypt

"BREAK down the walls and let the women free," has been an oft repeated prayer on the Mission Field. God has faithfully answered this prayer for us here in Egypt. The walls are broken. The great difficulty is that Egyptian women are conservative and there has been much hesitancy in stepping out over these broken down walls into a real freedom to meet the new demands of this day and age.

READJUSTMENT

Egypt is uniquely situated at the cross-roads between the Orient and the Occident. There is a hand-to-hand conflict between the conservatism, often a fanatical conservatism, of the Orient and the progressive new-fangled ideas, often too prodigal, of the Occident. We missionaries have the task of making our way between these two conflicting forces.

We have two dangers constantly before us, the danger of becoming too conservative and slow in grasping the situation which new demands create; and on the other hand, the danger of Westernization which has doubtless been a natural development since the leadership has so largely been in the hands of Occidental women. We have before us a task of readjustment so as to push to the front, more and more, as leaders our educated Egyptian women. Faithful work has been done in the past by many consecrated women, both Western and Egyptian, but the very fact that many women in Egypt are beginning to live on a different educational and social level, creates new needs and makes new demands on missions far more exacting than those made in earlier days.

The current of change is moving rapidly here in Egypt in certain limited circles, but as yet there has been little effect on the great masses of the inarticulate, illiterate rural Egyptian women.

EDUCATION

Women's interests and activities during the pioneering period of mission work have been greatly advanced. There was a time when the only schools for girls were Mission

schools. Our task has been so well accomplished that our Mission Schools are no longer the only educational institutions for girls and young women. To deal with the whole problem of the literacy of women and girls here in Egypt is beyond the reach of our Mission Schools, rather it is in our province to set standards of high Christian character, putting the emphasis on quality rather than quantity. Religious education, as such, has a wide field and the need is for more specialized training so that the permanent values of Christian education can be measured in terms of service for the future, and to instil into educated girls and women the spirit of service. Our Mission Schools are wide awake to the doing of this very thing and much has been accomplished. We only have to look about us to find everywhere many educated Egyptian women who have entered the field of service.

THE PROBLEM OF HEALTH

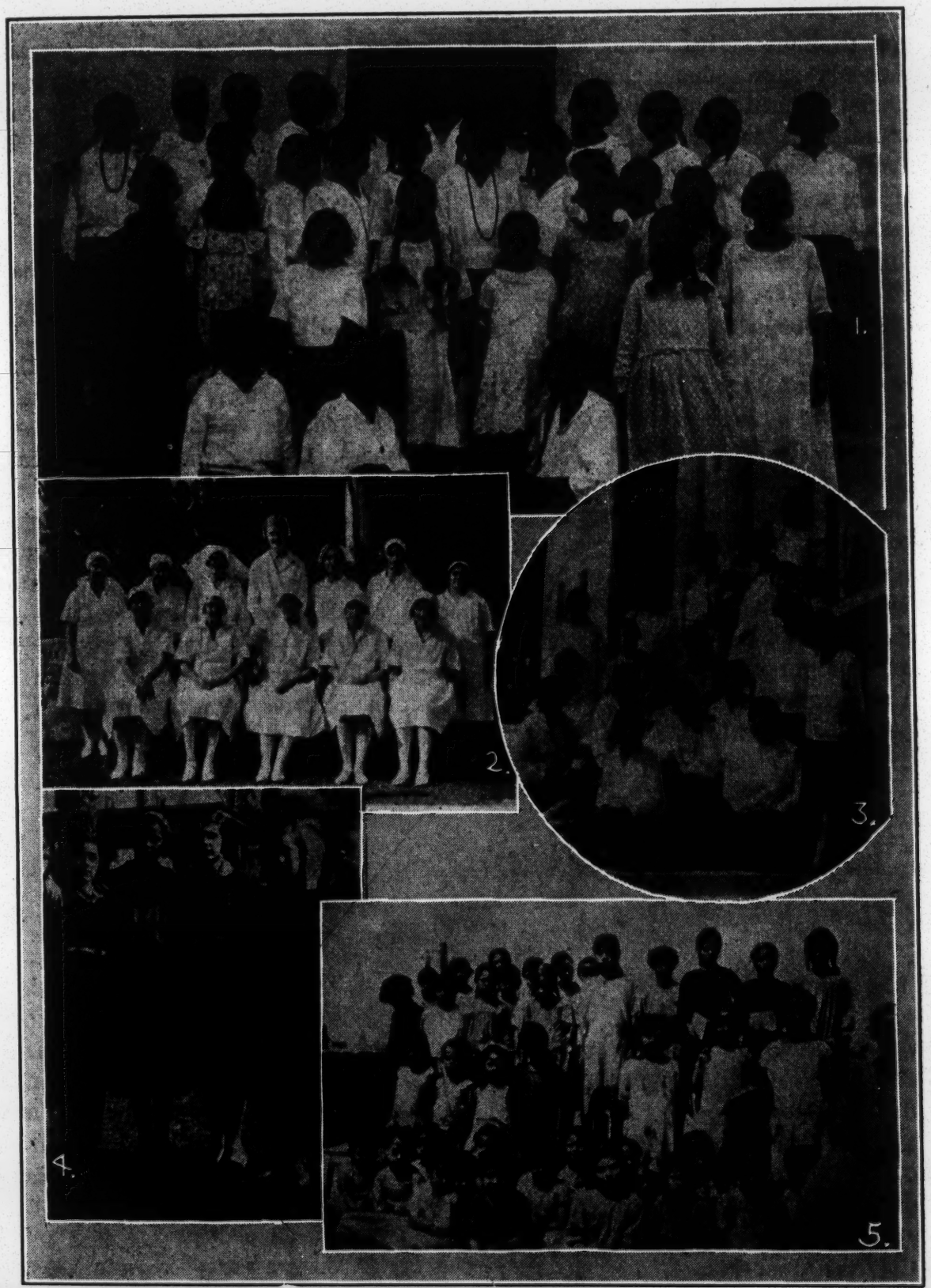
Mission Hospitals and Welfare Centers with their consecrated doctors and nurses, both American and Egyptian, contribute in a far reaching way and quite beyond the possibility of estimating, forces effective in breaking down superstition and fanatical conservatism, and opening the way towards advance and progress in the understanding of the Christian message. No patient ever leaves a Mission Hospital without having had the opportunity of hearing the gospel message. It is not forced upon anyone, but almost invariably, when at first refused, later on, the voluntary request comes for the bedside prayer and reading of the Word. We know that God's Word will accomplish that whereunto it has been sent. Truly the Ministry of Healing is our Lord's own direct method of showing forth His love for mankind and desire to lead him forth into the Life Everlasting. How we

Miss Finney and her niece, Mary Stevenson, short term teacher in Cairo College, beside the Delta car.

long to extend this method of work into the field of preventive medicine for the building of better health conditions here in Egypt. Perhaps that is to be left to our successors.

SOCIAL SERVICE

We missionaries are blamed with neglecting this line of service. No doubt, we should plead guilty, but on the other hand our excuse is ready in that our task has been to present the gospel message and the plan of salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. However, we are well aware of the fact that there is a need for an active promotion of the social ideals of Christianity in the present period of transition. The mere provision, however, of social facilities for modern youth here in



COMING LEADERS FOR THE NEW DAY IN EGYPT

No. 1—Pastors' daughters at PMI, twenty-nine girls two teachers; No. 2—Miss Brownlee and her Training Class for Nurses. Assiut Hospital, Assiut; No. 3—Daily Vacation Bible School workers PMI; No. 4—A group of girls in Monsoura School; No. 5—The Little Moslem school at Bab-es-Sharieh. Twelve of the older girls ready to enter the Faggala school.

Egypt will not build new standards nor develop moral stamina to meet the pressure of a changing age. Christian leaders, filled with Christ's own Spirit, through their personal influence are the ones to awaken in our youth a deeper sense of personal responsibility and moral control. Egyptian young people need the urge to realize the spiritual values of life and the need for personal religion as a source of power. We much want this type of Social Service.

EVANGELISM

Every Mission Institution, whether a school or a hospital, or a social center has for its aim the presenting of the Gospel message that Christ is the Savior of the world. We missionaries have been greatly beset, besieged, and beleaguered lately because of the fact that this is our aim and purpose. In addition to the evangelistic work of our medical and educational institutions, there is a program of direct evangelistic work among women and girls. This is carried on by lady missionaries who give their whole time to this type of work assisted by indigenous women evangelists known as "Bible Women." Their work is set forth in one of the other papers.

RURAL WOMEN

We in Egypt fully recognize the importance of rural women and their needs. We long to be able to do more for them. Only women workers can meet the needs of women because of social conservatism so characteristic of Egypt. For this type of work we need women leaders especially trained and willing to undertake a line of work not yet fully demonstrated. We hope that our Egyptian educated women will eventually assume the task and the responsibility.

TRAINING GIRLS FOR THE NEW DAY

By Miss Mary L. Thompson, Pressly, Memorial Institute, Assuit, Egypt

"MOTHER, may I climb my room in the morning?" This was the bedtime request of a small friend of mine to whom the mat houses in Sidi Bishr had opened the possibilities of acrobatic feats.

Just as this active youngster looked forward to his new day, so does the Egyptian girl, with mind alert, plan for the new day in her life. Old customs have fallen into disuse, new ones have been adopted in the hope that greater happiness may be brought into people's lives. Improved transportation and methods of communication have hastened the coming of a new day in Egypt. That immediately before us is one of greater freedom for women, of more widespread desire for education, of a growing longing on the part of young women to find an outlet for the ambitions to work that have been aroused by their study. True, competition in the professions has not yet caused the men grave concern, but a few women have braved public opinion to take professional training and enter upon a career. It is to be hoped that the motives which have actuated them

may be sufficiently strong to carry them through hardships which will undoubtedly arise.

A glance over the history of the mission in Egypt reveals a persistent ideal to prepare our students for leadership in special lines of service. Age-old customs have delayed the realization of this ideal, and lack of funds has caused the plans for developing it to be simple, but, as the years have passed, not only has a start been made, but certain lines of training have become well-established.

Four types of specialized training are now given in our mission institutions. A course in teacher training is now offered in the Pressly Memorial Institute in Assiut. Kindergartners are trained in connection with the girls' school at Tanta. The Bible Women's Training School is conducted in its own well-planned building in Tanta. A thoroughly organized course in nursing is given at the hospital in Assiut.

TRAINING TEACHERS

Teaching is the type of work into which our girls have most frequently gone after leaving school. At first pupils, on the completion of a few years in school, became teachers with no more specialized training than the information they had received in the classroom and the supervision that the principal of the school could give them in addition to numberless other duties. As standards advanced, a higher degree of training became necessary. Subjects were introduced into the course which bore directly on the principles and methods of teaching. The final step in the development of this work was the provi-

Teacher and Pupils—Saneya Abdulla, daughter of Rev. Abdulla Fanoos, graduated from PMI in 1929, now teaching at Maghagha.

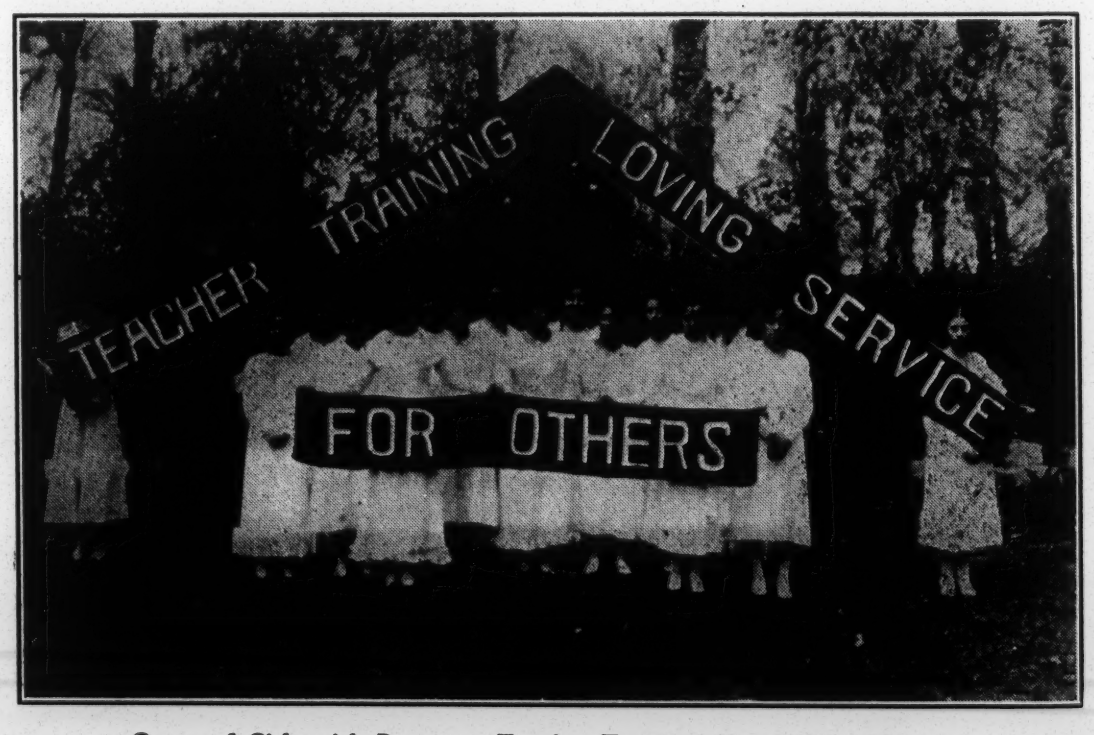
sion for an additional two year course in teacher training in some of our higher schools. The Ezbekiah school was the first to provide this special course. The Pressly Memorial Institute followed. Pending cultivation of public opinion in favor of the course and an increase in funds one year of work only has actually been started. In the beginning it was difficult to secure girls to take this advanced work. The first class numbered two or three. But the course has grown in popularity. The class at the Pressly Memorial Institute in 1934 had sixteen girls.

The Mission girls' schools have recently adopted the government program. In the future teacher training will be given in three of our high schools. In Luxor and Alexandria a one year course is to be provided. In the Pressly Memorial Institute a two year course is planned.

Not many of our Egyptian girls have entered upon teaching as a life-long career. The teacher training course is therefore planned so that it will fulfill a double purpose, for the teacher and the homemaker as well. That the men of Egypt recognize the value of efficient homemakers is proved by the fact that two of the members of this year's class were spoken for before their graduation.

The motto which the P. M. I. class used in the pageant so effectively presented on the program of its recent commencement contains the ideal which the girls have taken with them as they go out from school and which it is our delight to see them so ably carrying out in their work. It is "Loving Service for others."

Closely connected with this work is the training of kindergartners. This is ably carried on under the direction of Miss Ruth Williamson. The kindergartens that have been established in our schools have been



Group of Girls with Banners—Teacher Training Class PMI 1934.

of enormous benefit to our work. The training school has impressed upon the minds of those who go there the importance of teaching little children. Too often in the past the attitude has been that the inexperienced teacher is the one to put in charge of beginners and that more advanced classes are the legitimate reward of faithful teaching. To establish correct habits and social attitudes in the child's mind as it starts on its school career is now recognized to be a task calling for the best that any teacher may have to give. The girls who go into this class are chosen after careful consideration of their worthiness in attainment and aptitude to lead little children.

TRAINING BIBLE WOMEN

The story of the steps leading to the founding of the Bible Women's Training School has been told before in these pages. The school is a monument to Miss Minnehaha Finney whose determined purpose made it a reality. It also is a commendation of the faithful effort of Miss Laura Wright who has carried it on since Miss Finney has gone into the broader task of cultivating the work among village women first in the Tanta district and now in the Mansoura district.

In order to meet the demand of a new day the Bible women must not only be consecrated to the Master's service, but they must have an education that will fit them to face a community whose educational standards are constantly rising. It is not easy for girls whose social background is above the average to persuade their families to allow them to go into this work, but instances are not lacking of girls who have been able to answer the call to go into this service. It is cheering to one's faith to learn that these girls are not only brave enough to go counter to public opinion in order to undertake this work, but that they endure persecution as well. The young women who have taken this training go about their task with the respect of the people.

Requirements for entrance into the school have gradually been raised. During the year 1933-1934 the students numbered fourteen. One was a graduate of the Luxor school, two had the certificate from the Tanta school and six others had finished the p r i m a r y course in our mission schools, which meant about seven years of study. A teacher in the Bible Training School is a graduate of the teacher training course in the Pressly Memorial Institute. As an answer to prayer she was allowed to take the course at Tanta and has proved herself an efficient helper. Two girls who completed the high school course took the Bible training to prepare themselves to teach Bible in one of our higher schools. Their work in Tanta led them to see the greater need for work directly in the homes and they are now seeking to carry the gospel to the women in needy homes. One of the men evangelists spoke recently praising God for the splendid group of young women who are in the school and for the advance made in the work.

TRAINING NURSES

The last special line of training is that of nursing. The training class at Assuit Hospital has made a promising beginning. Only graduates of

our mission high schools are admitted to the class. A three year course is given. A determined effort is made to encourage the student nurses to take responsibility, as soon as their training fits them to do so. They are proving themselves worthy to undertake the burdens which are laid upon them. Three of the graduates are now on the staff of Assiut Hospital. One is at work in Tanta Hospital. Another graduate is school nurse in Luxor. There she looks after the health of the boarders and teaches classes in hygiene. Increasing opportunity is opening to our Egyptian nurses in this field. It is the hope of the superintendent of nurses that one of the graduates of the school may some day be sent to America for advanced work to fit her for even greater responsibility.

In Assiut, the commencement program includes the graduates from three schools, Assiut College, Pressly Memorial Institute, and the Nurses' Training school. This year the nurses had as their part of the program a dialogue describing conditions in the nursing profession in the days of Florence Nightingale. Egypt is farther along in the training of nurses than the western world was when the "Lady of the Lamp" lived, but she is still behind modern practice. Many of the girls of the land are eager to step forth as leaders in this type of work that their country may attain to the standard of the Occident.

When the next generation is advancing to a new day, some of the girls who are being trained today will be honored as pioneers, the Egyptian counterparts for Alice Freeman Palmer, Kate Douglas Wiggin, Evangeline Booth, and Florence Nightingale. May no failure on our part, through prayer or effort, prevent the products of our training schools from being worthy leaders.

Kindergarten Training Class, Mary Clokey Porter Boarding School, Tanta, Egypt.

NEW EVANGELISM IN CITY AND VILLAGE

By Mrs. Rachel Tracy Seiver, Fayoum, Egypt

THE wise man said, "There is nothing new under the sun"—and no doubt the problems and their solutions that are new to us have been found tried and workable in other places.

With the spread of education in Egypt we find that even in the smallest villages there will be those who can read, for there is always some parent who is ambitious for his child to learn and he sends him to a nearby school. The question of compulsory education is constantly being discussed and the day may not be far off when such a law will be put into effect. This offers a new field of endeavor, for the approach to an educated person even though his education extends only to the "three R's," is different from that we would use with an uneducated one. While controversy is to be avoided, yet an appeal can be made to the mind, and the printed Word left in the hands of the people will make its own appeal. In one village a Moslem friend meets with us in the meetings held for the Christian women. She can read, the Christian women cannot, and she makes her boast that she can learn the songs and verses better than they and in our absence becomes their teacher.

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Especially do we find that the men welcome books, as reading matter is not to be found to a great extent in the smaller places and the Gospels are eagerly accepted. If one receives a book, another hears of this and wishes to have one also. Several have told us of how many will gather together of an evening and one will read from the Book to the others who are not able to read. We praise the Lord for this interest and claim the promise that "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

In the cities this problem is even more pressing as education is sought by all classes of people and the average of the illiterate in the rising generation will be much smaller in comparison with that of past generations. Combined with this is the more complete freedom being given the girls and young women, and their desire to find an outlet for their knowledge. The institution of home Bible study has been used successfully in many places, reaching not only the younger girls just out of school, but the mothers in the homes, who so often are prevented from attending any place of worship. This has been an especially good way to reach nominal Christians who are often as far from the truth of the Lord Christ as their Moslem neighbors. The interest awakened by personal Bible study is contagious and has reached many besides those originally enlisted in it. Conferences for Bible study and discussion have been found very helpful, in which these educated women take the lead, and an opportunity is given them for growth and development.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Another method which has been used and can be further developed, is community center classes for older girls, some of whom have received

some education and others who have not had any. For those who can read, advanced work can be given. In the Fayoum, we aim to give the girls lessons from one or more books of the Bible during the year, and also some other book with a strong Christian theme for reading in class. This is in addition to the regular Bible lesson for all who are enrolled.

CLUBS

Christian clubs of one sort and another are springing up in many places. Most of the Mission schools have alumnae clubs for follow-up work among old students, the girls taking the leadership. One of our alumnae girls said in a committee meeting for the preparation of programs, "Let us have a Bible lesson each time, as we get so little now we have left school." Many of these girls have been interested in the work of evangelism and conduct street Sabbath Schools and also go into the homes and villages for preaching. The Daily Vacation Bible Schools have also claimed the services of many students during the summer months. The joy that the girls find in this service is reflected in their faces as they tell of their experiences. We can do no better work than enlist these young people in consecrated service for their Lord in reaching their fellow men who do not know Him.

HOSTELS

A still untried and fruitful field of evangelism among the young people is the establishment of hostels for students who come to the cities for higher education than can be found in their home towns. Our Christian schools of higher learning are few compared to the number of students seeking such education, consequently many of our own Christian boys and girls are lost to us after the primary grades, to say nothing of the field offered for work among non-Christian students. We pray that our eyes may ever be open to the opportunities before us and that we will be willing to ever be ready to use every way to reach the young people especially.

We know, however, that though conditions change and methods change, the need of the heart is always the same and Christ is unchanging in His love and power to save. We know too, that our own lives and personal testimony are among the greatest powers in the work of evangelism and we pray that our witness to Christ may be unchanging in love and devotion.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION IN JAPAN HELPED BY BROADCASTING

"The radio company in Tokyo," writes the Rev. Karl Aurell, secretary of the Japan Agency of the American Bible Society, "has called on Christian ministers to broadcast something on Christianity and two of them have done so most effectively. We find that every time this is done we have more calls for Bibles."

NEW HOMES IN AN OLD LAND

By Mrs. J. M. Baird, Benha, Egypt

A NEW Commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you."

As I was starting to church one Sabbath, I collided with a flying figure in long black peasant dress who was sobbing and wringing her hands. I recognized her as my little neighbor, wife of the cart man whose home is a little shack behind our property.

"How can I stay with him another day to be beaten and kicked like a dog? I'll go to my mother," she sobbed as she sank down on the curbing near me.

The words were scarcely spoken before her husband, who had rushed round the corner after her, had seized her roughly by the shoulder, dragging her to her feet, and with a shove sent her before him toward their home. As she stumbled along blinded by tears, he came close behind her, and with all his force struck her a blow between the shoulders that sent her flat on the asphalted street. Who will say that this old world does not need that New Commandment, that new homes may be founded on Christ's love?

We were visiting in Azieza's home. Her husband had been proudly displaying some of her needlework. As we left they accompanied us to the door, and he stood with his arm thrown lovingly across her shoulder as they bade us farewell. Christ's love in the hearts of Azieza and her husband made of that home a "new home in the old world."

These Christian homes are new in their care and discipline of the children in them. At the Presbyterial of the W.M.S. last spring, Mrs. Marcus Morgan, wife of the Tanta Hospital evangelist, read a paper on "Woman, a Light in the Home." A little excerpt is given here: "My youngest child was playing near me, as I worked in the kitchen. He was amusing himself with a weight and pan from the scales. He began pounding them together, filling the room with their noise.

" 'George,' I said. 'Does father love mother?'

" 'Of course,' answered George.

" 'Does father like to annoy mother?' I asked.

" 'No, no,' came the quick reply.

" 'You love mother, too, and don't wish to bother her with that noise, I know.' Quickly he dropped the weight and pan, and turned to a quieter plaything."

Contrast with this the mother who called her little girl from our garden Sabbath School class one morning. The little ragamuffin from the side street had heard of the good times the other children were having, singing songs, and hearing stories, and had joined the group without her mother's knowledge. The mother, needing her to carry the soiled kettles to the river to wash had come in search of her. As she stood at our gate she yelled her command that the child come to her immediately. Samiera obeyed, and as she reached her mother was rewarded by a rain of blows on head and neck. "She must be taught to stay at home and work" was the mother's reply to our protest.

New homes in an old world are those that are new in their ideal of service. This fall a new home is to be established in a little village in middle Egypt. We attended the engagement this spring at the home of the bride's sister. (And an engagement in this land is taken as seriously as a wedding ceremony.) Rev. Joseph is the new pastor of the two village churches. If one wishes to visit him, it means an hour's ride by donkey from the railroad station. A taxi runs if and when a car load of passengers is procured. There is a small stone church in the village with rooms on the roof for the pastor's home. It is in these rooms that the new home is to be established. Rev. Joseph is a graduate of Assiut college and of the Seminary. Rebecca comes from a family of Christian workers, and is a graduate from Zagazig girls' school and a teacher since graduation. Can one measure the influences for good that will go out from this new home into the homes of those simple village people that make up the membership of the churches under their charge? We long for many more such beacons in this land where Christ is so little known and loved.

In a Mohammedan village near us is a home that has been established more than twenty years, but it too is a new home in its ideal to obey the New Commandment. Aziez, the evangelist gives hours of daily service in the homes of Subk and the surrounding villages, teaching the word, praying for the sick, comforting the sorrowing. After dinner in that home last spring, we heard this tribute paid to him by his wife: "He never thinks of self. When a child is sick, the neighbors urge the mother to send for Aziez to pray over it, even when doctors have been of no avail. And time and again the Lord hears and answers. When there is a dispute in a family, Aziez is called as peacemaker. When a death occurs it is he that talks and prays with the family." We urged them to get away for a short rest for the sake of their health, and Mrs. Aziez said, "Aziez must go for a while, but I will stay here with the children, as there isn't money for us all to go."

We went recently to Mansoura to mourn the passing of a "Mother in Israel". The pastor, in his words of comfort at the funeral told of Umm Hanna's devotion to her God which had made her home a "New Home" through all the years, while she kept her orphaned children together. Only a few weeks before her passing, the youngest son, Jacob, brought home his first month's salary from his first position. All her children were now earning their own way in the world, several of them in Christ's service. Jacob gave his salary to his mother, saying, "It is all yours. I want you to buy for yourself something you have longed to have and could not afford."

But Umm Hanna had other desires. Love of God was stronger than love of self, and she said, "This money I wish to consecrate to the Lord as a Thank Offering for his care over my children in leading each one into a life of useful service."

Thank God for those who are establishing new homes from which Christ's love may radiate into the darkness of Egypt's villages.

AMERICAN MISSION COLLEGE FOR GIRLS
22nd ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

ALTHOUGH the standard of education among the women and girls of this country is lamentably low, it is slowly rising, thanks mainly to the excellent work of one or two foreign educational institutions. Of these the American Mission College for Girls is perhaps the most important and each year it sends out into the world a small band of highly educated girls to take their place in the country's life and, more important, to inspire their sisters with a desire for education. This college has been doing excellent work for over two decades and one can judge by the extremely large attendances at their annual commencement exercises—when old girls mix with parents, friends and present pupils—the extent of the support and interest it now inspires.

On Friday afternoon the premises were packed for the twenty-second Commencement. A huge tent had been erected, with a seating capacity well over two thousand, and yet this was hardly sufficient to accommodate all those who attended. On the fern-banked platform were the important personalities invited to honour the gathering with their presence. They were the Hon. Judge Bert Fish, American Minister to Egypt, Mohammed Tewfik Rifaat Pasha, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Mahmoud Sidky Pasha, Governor of Cairo, Tewfik Doss Pasha, the well known lawyer and ex-Minister of Communications, Maitre Azer Goubran, who had been invited to deliver

The Graduating Classes, (Fourth Preparatory and Senior) of the College for Girls, Cairo, Egypt.

the Address, Miss H. J. Martin, President of the College, Miss Badr, and the Chairman, Rev. H. E. Philips, D.D.

The Commencement programme was of a very high order. Starting with an excellent rendering of Mendelssohn's *Processional March* by Miss Boussaina Farid, it contained several songs by the school choir, pianoforte solos, duets and quartettes and the annual essays. These speeches always form the high light of the programme and are invariably excellent both for their matter and their manner. The girls who are selected to speak the essays choose their own subjects and compose their own essays. This year the English essay, *Industrial Egypt,* was delivered by Miss Mounira Iskander and was a very creditable piece of work. Miss Violet Korollos gave the Arabic essay, and demonstrated to those who were unable to understand the language and who thus concentrated on admiring the excellent manner in which it was spoken, how fine a language is Arabic for speech making. Sonorous, dignified and capable of a thousand inflections Arabic, in the mouth of a good speaker—such as Miss Korollos, for instance—is so impressive that it can influence people who cannot understand what it means. Miss Aida Fahmy delivered a clear, well-reasoned essay, in French, on *Avantages et Desavantages du Cinema.* The second Arabic essay was spoken by Miss Flora Tubia Bichara and was in every way as good as the first.

Maitre Azer Goubran had chosen for the subject of his Address, *Woman's Place in the World,* and his really excellent speech was listened to with great attention. Maitre Goubran dwelt on the lack of opportunities for women in Oriental countries and declared that it was a state of affairs which must be remedied. He showed that Western women were now taking a very important place in the public life of their countries and said that their example must be followed out here. He stressed the need of more general education of women in Oriental countries, without which it was impossible for them to assume their rightful position.

"As is the woman," he said, "so is the home, and as the home, the nation." Maitre Goubran quoted from Voltaire, "When a man reads a book he alone reads it; when a woman reads a book, her husband and her children read it." The children of today are the citizens of tomorrow, he declared, and it was the mother who influenced children, not the father. "When the American people," said Maitre Goubran, "wished to honor their national hero, Col. Lindbergh, he replied, 'Do not praise me, praise my mother.' "

Two songs by the special choir followed Maitre Goubran's speech and preceded the presentation of prizes, by Miss Badr, and of Diplomas by the American Minister. The College Song brought the ceremony to a close.—*Egyptian Gazette.*

THE RAITT MEMORIAL PROGRAM

By the Rev. J. A. Alexander, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa., Synodical Superintendent of Missions of the Synod of Pittsburgh

IT is the most complete plan which the Board of Administration has given the church. It is keenly suggestive whether it be adopted or adapted. The present hour affords an unusual opportunity to carry out its central aim, the winning of life. Bishop Leonard has said, "At the present time there is a new spiritual trend taking shape that may lead to a glorious new era. . . . All of the great periods in history have been preceded by a spiritual awakening." There are signs of it in our church in the deep interest of pastors, officials and groups, such as Bible School, Young People's Societies and Women's Missionary Societies. There is a quickened response to the task of winning and reclaiming life. Only as the entire church is obedient to its full responsibility and opportunity can it win the attention, and hold the respect, of the non-church groups. Jesus said, "Ye shall be my witnesses."

Program suggests plan or method. What is the value and limitation of plan? We define it as a channel of life expression. Program is not life or any of life's values. The Gulf Stream carries the warm, life-giving waters northeasterly across the Atlantic, flowing between water banks. That channel is as cold and inert as the rest of the North Atlantic. It is the tropic waters which create Europe a fruitful continent which stands in contrast with a Labrador. This is a fair picture of the function and limitation of program. It is a channel for the outflow of our lives in service. We suffer a common temptation. When we finish a program we feel our work is done. It is not yet begun. Jesus had a plan and completed it. "I glorified thee on the earth, having accomplished the work (according to plan) which thou hast given me to do." What infinite fullness he poured through that channel! He said, "I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." We would remember the limitation, also the essential character of program.

We need preparation for this life of service. Every Presbytery and many Presbyterial Missionary Societies held prayer retreats last year. The purpose was to SEEK TOGETHER the source of power, and FACE TOGETHER the Christ-assigned task. Our Lord came to do three things: to reach, to teach and to train men and women. This was to prepare for the day soon to come. He said, "I go away . . . but if I depart I will send the Comforter unto you." He would empower Jesus' followers to reach and teach and train. We may not feel able to teach and train, but all of us can strive to reach those around us. We weep over the spiritual state of those afar off, whether in America or elsewhere, but fail to seek those we contact every day, perhaps in our own homes.

There is no group better qualified to reach girls, young women and those more mature than the organ-

ized womanhood of our churches and Mission Stations. You have written a brilliant chapter in our church-life. If we reach the suggested goal of 21,000 additions to the church this year (not beyond possibility) it will require each individual and organized group to be a channel to send forth the values of a life in Christ to bring about a Pentecostal result.

A CALL TO SERVICE

TO ALL PRESIDENTS OF PRESBYTERIALS

THE Board of Administration has prepared a program for the whole Church to be used through the coming months. This program is the work of the late Dr. George E. Raitt, being practically completed at the time of his sudden and, as it seems to us, untimely death. In deference to the memory and work of Dr. Raitt, our General Assembly directed that this program be called the "Raitt Memorial Program."

To the Women's Board of Directors has come the following request from Dr. C. E. Hawthorne, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism of the Board of Administration, with reference to the "Raitt Memorial Program:"

"We call upon our missionary women to pray and talk evangelism. We ask them to appoint an evangelistic committee to lead in actual soul-winning and to report to the Pastor and to each meeting of the Society those won to Christ."

The mere suggestion of this request is a sufficient appeal to the women of the missionary societies who share in the work of the whole Church and who are always interested in and loyal to our beloved United Presbyterian Denomination. It would therefore seem a waste of words to present an argument to the women of our Church urging them to comply with this very reasonable request.

Let our greatest objective be to deepen and to strengthen the spiritual life of the Church. The future of our Denomination and the future of its work depend upon our zeal for evangelism and upon the quality of our Christian living today.

Committee of the Women's Board of Directors of the W.G.M.S.

Mrs. Charles W. Fulton,
Chairman.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

INDIA

Mrs. Osborne Crowe, Editor, Sialkot, India

A DAUGHTER OF THE KING

By Miss Lois Boyd

One Sabbath morning Miss Brownlee invited me to go with her to visit a village. The place she chose for that morning was the village of Dunnie, the name of which always brings to my mind the memory of a brave little widow whom I had known there ten years ago. She had never been to school, yet she conducted family worship in her home every evening. When we inquired how she managed it she said, "Well, we all know a few psalms by heart, so we sing a psalm, one of the children or I will tell a Bible story and I lead in prayer." We were so impressed with her Christian spirit at that time that a note was made in the register opposite her name,—"A woman of unusual faith and Christian experience." So recalling this former acquaintance I was more than glad to have an opportunity of seeing her again.

The ride to the village was an experience. We made our way first through plowed fields, then along a road which was impassable for about half the way. We had to alternate between the road and the fields along side but the Punjabi boy who was driving was used to village roads so he piloted us up and down the banks, around trees and through sand without mishap. One of the redeeming features of the ride was that it was short, and another that the country side in the early morning sunlight was very lovely to look upon. The sugar-cane stood straight and tall and green, promising much joy to Punjabi children who love to suck its juicy sweetness. The cotton crop didn't seem so good but its red, yellow and white flowers looked very pretty. Patches of bright yellow mustard added more color to the landscape.

It was rather early when we arrived at the village but we were received with the usual hospitality, shown into a small courtyard in the Christian quarters and seated on a bed covered with a fairly clean, homespun cloth. One woman brought a straw mat and spread it on the ground and one by one the other women left their chores and came and sat down. Among the first was Hakim Bibi, the one I remembered from former days.

After a friendly greeting she began to tell us about an accident that had happened to her during the summer. One night she and her boys were sleeping on the roof when a rain came up. In their hurry to get the beds down she slipped and fell from the roof, breaking her leg above the knee. She suffered intense pain but she thanked God that he had caused the bone to knit and she could walk again though it was with a limp. She still suffered pain all over her body as a result of the fall but she knew He could heal her of that too.

We talked a little about the mystery of human suffering and Hakim Bibi said she knew why the Lord had allowed this misfortune to come to her. It was because she had not been taking time lately for praying. At night she had been feeling very tired and for some time had been omitting family prayers. So the Lord had laid her on a bed of suffering to remind her of her sin in neglecting to pray. There was not a word of complaint at what she had suffered—not a trace of bitterness over the hardships of her present circumstances.

We sang several psalms and talked

about the Word awhile then Hakim Bibi was asked to lead in prayer. As she prayed there was no doubt of her contact with the Throne of Grace. She was talking to her Heavenly Father whom she loved and of whose love she was so sure; so thankful for past mercies and so confident of future blessing. I had never heard an unlearned village woman pray like this and my heart was filled with praise and thanksgiving for God's grace which had abounded in the life of this trusting child of His.

GETTING IN STEP

By Miss Glendine Lundquist, R. N.

I have been in this strange land of India little more than one year. What I have done has been of little importance to the Mission. I feel somewhat like a little boy running along beside the band master and trying to get in step with the band.

This time I have spent trying to get in step so that I can march along with the Mission and perhaps do my bit as a soldier of the Cross.

A foreign language is a blessing in disguise. The hours and hours spent in study and reciting sentences and verb forms seem quite a dear price to pay for the very limited amount of the language I can use. But God has His plan in this. Knowing the people is just as important as knowing their language. The language of lives is universal. I may not understand their Panjabi and they may misunderstand my Americanized [illegible] but we both can understand the message in lives.

The thing that has impressed me most this year is the lives of the people you have sent to work for you in this land. If there is such a thing as a beautiful life, beautiful faith and beautiful patience, these people have it.

If only some of the professors at home could get a glimpse of what might be accomplished in their profession with God's help! The teachers who go to their class-rooms, confident that their knowledge and skill are quite enough, should look in on a school-room out here. It will probably be bare except for the slates and papers in the children's hands, but has a teacher whose knowledge and skill are surrendered to the One who can make them accomplish a hundred-fold. The surgeon who is quite sure his skillful hands are able to perform the most difficult operation, should watch the work and check the results of the missionary doctor, who with limited supplies and assistants, approaches the operating table breathing this prayer "Lord, my hands may make mistakes, but Thine do not; these are Thine." The pastors who expect their eloquence and intellect to accomplish that which only the Holy Spirit can accomplish, should watch the work done by many of the Indian pastors who have accepted the help of the Holy Spirit. God did not expect this power to be used by only a few, but it is a gift prepared for every person in every land.

ETHIOPIA

Mrs. Bruce B. Buchanan, Editor, Sayo, Ethiopia

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Bruce B. Buchanan, Editor

GORE

A class for teachers in English and Arithmetic is conducted at 7:30 each morning by Mrs. Walker. In this way the efficiency of the teaching staff is increased.

A joyful occasion was the marriage of a faithful member of the clinic staff, Tadu. The missionaries were guests at feasts in the homes of both bride and groom. We witnessed the dancing and singing precious to the wedding and were there to see the groom present his gifts and claim his bride.

A successful hunting trip was recently celebrated in town. A large leopard and also a lion had been killed. The following day the hunter was taken before the Governor's Court and accused of hunting without a license. He had not heard the recent proclamation concerning the necessity for Ethiopians obtaining a hunting license. Later he was released but his trophies were confiscated. The leopard skin was a wonderful specimen and the hunter remains a hero in the eyes of his countrymen.

SAYO

The most important medical item is the arrival of our new nurse, Miss Elizabeth Klein. She made the trip from Gambeila to Sayo in one day, a record trip for a lady. She has already proved a valuable addition to our work. She is very willing and capable. She is from the "diet-famous" city of Worms, Germany.

Medical work has been slack for the last few weeks. In-patients dropped from 26, our top capacity with every bed filled, to half that number. To our great joy our drugs are beginning to come, via Gambeila.

The Native Council recently fined three women, residents of the hill, for engaging in heathen worship. Three men were also fined for other reasons.

Mud, buffalo dances, beer drinking festivals and enforced labor, the latter being a popular sport of the officials, have all interfered with evangelistic services in some 50 odd villages. We are encouraged by some who are very faithful and who manifest a heart hunger.

The Church looks considerably improved with its new grass roof, its muslin covered walls (in lieu of wall paper) in the auditorium and some additional partitions between classrooms. We appreciate the help of a few friends in the homeland, whose assistance made this possible.

Although more than twenty pupils have dropped out since our school started early in April, we still have an enrollment of more than 100. Many children in Ethiopia lack perseverance in school work and consequently make a fizzle of their attempt at learning. But it is not surprising for there are no truant laws as the Government has few schools and is not concerned whether or not boys and girls attend our school. Also children receive little or no encouragement from parents, in fact many a father bitterly oppose the idea of his son or sons going to school, not to mention daughters. Also, our school is a tuition school and it is not as easy as the Public schools in America where tuition is provided by the state.

"ASK GOD TO HURRY"

By Miss Viola Bayne, Gore, Ethiopia

Two weeks ago, when the first news of Mr. and Mrs. West and family being detained in America another year, reached Gore, twelve women of Ethiopia gathered together to pray. They were in their "upper room" and prayed as if their hearts were overflowing in sadness and empty in faith. They have often before prayed and God has heard and answered them, but this day it seemed that their last friend had left them and they stood as indeed sheep without a shepherd. Our love for this family being detained in America, is indeed very great and week by week these faithful ones come before their God pleading Him to return their teachers.

Today, again, this group and some friends gathered together to pray. A letter had reached us from Sayo telling of the operation upon the eyes of Dr. Howard Buchanan. The possibility of his being able to see again, filled our hearts with joy and as one woman after another beat upon her breast, or bowed her head low or said, "May God in heaven make him strong," one woman stood on her feet and addressing the other women scolded them for their lack of faith. The following is her address: "We come here every week to pray. Some days we pray, fast, and long and with joy in our stomachs.* Some days we pray like women who are tired. You have heard this letter. If this Doctor is able to see again after nine years can God not bring back our Missionaries the Wests after they have rested beside their friends? Now, please, every woman pray today. Thank God for this man who loves God very much. Thank God for his mother. Ask God to hurry. Ask God to not wait nine years to bring our missionaries back to us."

There were seventeen prayers offered to God. Every prayer included Dr. Buchanan, his mother, his friends. Every prayer included the "Gore" missionaries, America, and those who are hungry.

*Ethiopians use this word for "heart" as well as "stomach."

THE SUDAN

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THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

(Extract from a letter)

We returned last night from our Women's Conference at Gereif. The weather had turned suddenly cold, making it possible to accomplish more in the one week than could have been done in the hot weather. Just now the thermometer in my room stands at 65—the lowest I have even known it to be. It is quite warm out of doors in the sun, of course. It is hard for me to say how successful the conference was but the discussion leaders—the teachers and Bible women—did better than last year. Much of the work was done before the Conference in coaching them. They all filled out their hour and usually ran over a bit. At times they discussed deep subjects such as "Does prayer change the will of God?" The general subject was, "Prayer in the Holy Spirit."

Mr. Fairman who was with us one day gave a fine address on this subject. Then after lunch that day he stayed with us and gave us a helpful talk on his experience in work among Moslems. His conclusions reached after 36 years were certainly worth considering. He disapproves

of comparing religions—the prophet with Christ — our customs with theirs, etc. He said that you can usually win the argument but you lose you opponent. For example the old shiekh, after he has been worsted in the argument will rise in the midst of the meeting and say, "There is no God but God and Mohammed is the prophet of God," and he and his followers will leave. This excellent advice for our workers for they are aften tempted to argue.

Miss Una Coie had the Bible period at each session. She conducted a carefully prepared and helpful study in Philippians. The prayer and praise service were also in charge of the teachers and Bible women and they conducted these periods with ability. Miss Pillow led the music with her trombone which added much to its effectiveness. The two periods of play supervised by the teachers were much enjoyed by all.

As there are no missionaries at Gereif now—though the farm is in charge of Faig Effendi Ebeid—we had to provide all our bedding and food. Our Omdurman crowd of seven including our cook, Sabr, just about filled the Ford. In addition we took sheets, blankets, pillows, also suitcases, an accordion, violin and folding organ. Fortunately at this time of the year the sand is not so deep as it will be later on, so the Ford pulled us through the six miles of sand from Khartoum to Gereif without a murmur. There were 45 present part of the time, not counting visitors.

Part of the food had to be brought from Khartoum so Miss Pillow made the trip daily. Yesterday we made four trips as we met Rev. Boulis and brought him back. He gave a fine address on the subject "Prayer and Evangelism." Much credit is due to the Committee on arrangements, Miss Turk, Miss Pillow and Miss Mary Coie, though Miss Coie could not be present on account of her duties in the G. B. S. Then two of the teachers, Sitt Elizabeth and Sitt Sara, with two school girls from G. B. S. and Sabr our cook and Zeinab from the G. B. S. all worked together in providing and serving the food. It all went smoothly and Miss Turk told me that there was perfect harmony in the kitchen. It is surely a big job to take care of such a crowd with temporary arrangements. Miss Turk had brought first aid supplies in case of sickness and she had several opportunities to use them. One teacher had to be sent home with flu and one girl had swollen hands and eyes from mosquitoes, and another was sick all night with a stomach attack. One of the happiest participants was Sabr. She had not been to Gereif before and last night she was recounting her experience like an excited child. She had never ridden in a car at night before and when she would see a car coming she would scream "There comes a car!" The teachers laughed at her and said, "Don't you suppose Miss M. sees it?" She said, "Well, it was coming right towards us!" She told me in great excitement how Miss Turk had given them each four blankets so they could sleep outside and they "Didn't get a bit cold." And how generous the food supply was that surely Jesus Christ was blessing it as He did the loaves and fishes, there was such an abundance left.

One touching incident occured during one of the discussions on "Works and Faith." Mariam who was Oom el Hassan before her baptism had come in for that session. She has been near death with T.B. for a long time. She learned to read in the home of the missionaries. She is too weak to talk and very little overcomes her. So when they were arguing she rose and said, "Didn't Abraham believe and it was counted to him for righteousness and his works had nothing to do with his salvation?" Tears came

to her eyes and she sat down unable to say more but I think her argument was the most convincing of all as her life has been such a testimony although she has no strength for so-called work.

The Conference closed with a final testimony meeting. There was not the freedom in this for which I had hoped but several took part and resolves were made to keep a prayer list, visit and pray for pupils, etc., which if kept will be a real advance for both Bible women and the teachers in the schools.

Aulora M. McIntyre.

EGYPT

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VALUE OF READING

By Adeeba Shurky

(The two following articles were written by students in Pressly Memorial Institute, Assiut, Egypt).

If you pay a visit sometime, my dear readers, to the P.M.I. library, you will be very much interested and amused to watch the successful library atmosphere that inspires the reader's attention to read very carefully and silently. The helpful mottoes are partly responsible for that. Every here and there you will find something like this, "Read and Think," or, "What do you get out of reading?" These mottoes help the reader to master the habit of reading thoughtfully.

Every girl knows that she should read, and practically every one does read to a greater or less extent. But the question that every one is asked to put in mind is this: "Do I really get the greatest value possible from my reading?"

In our school the selection of reading matter is left very largely to the tastes and needs of the reader. A very nice method followed in some classes is that each girl selects some particular subject of investigation and reads along that line.

We know that the first use of education is to enable us to consult the wisest men and women on all points of difficulty. To use books rightly is to go to them when our knowledge is lacking and to be led by them into purer conceptions than our own.

It is not how much one reads, but how much one gains from what he has read that counts. This year I have been very much interested in my reading. I have read a number of books by famous writers as "Emerson's Essays" and "Talks on Psychology" and a number of novels and books of poetry. With pleasure I can easily say that every one of the books has in it something to admire and inspire. Each one has brought a new interest into my life. Ruskin's words are true, "If you read ten pages of a good book with accuracy, you are in some measure an educated person." Also no one can deny that ideas, vocabulary, choice of phrase, device of metaphor and simile, the whole equipment of the workman may be acquired by reading.

Another great means of help to us in reading is that of reporting to our literature teacher, about the books which we read. She meets every girl separately and we talk over the books. We are always welcome to ask about any point to be explained. We are also helped to lay a good foundation for our growth in knowledge.

Every girl knows that the one who does not read good books soon finds herself out of touch with the world and lacking in sympathy with the social, political and scientific movements of her time.

LIBRARY PROJECTS AT THE P.M.I.

By Fadila Hanna

Reading is one of the best ways to spend our free time. We should try in every possible way to make it more attractive.

In order to make reading more pleasing and as a sort of amusement it has been decided in our school to allow each class to select a line of literature to represent for a week in the library.

The Ninth Year chose poetry for its display. A booklet was made by each member of the class on a subject which she had selected. Posters were made by the girls and put in the library. What an attractive appearance it had, being decorated in such a way! The most attractive booklets were those about *Evangeline, The Vision of Sir Launfal,* and some of the poems for children.

Music was the special subject of one of the other classes. One poster had the name of "Chopin" written in large letters and within each letter was printed an interesting fact about his life. Portraits of great musicians adorned the library and an atmosphere of music was given.

Another week Homemaking was the subject taken. The library had a homelike appearance for some one had brought a small bed and put a doll in it, and another had arranged a miniature kitchen.

History was the topic of another display. One of the most striking posters was about the "Staircase of Time," beginning away back at the old stone age and ascending up to the present.

We are impatiently waiting for more interesting projects. Travel, Art and Biography have all been chosen by classes to work on.

It was an excellent plan to scatter book-racks on every table in the library, filled with books relating to the subject for the week. How interesting it was to watch groups of girls from different classes crowding eagerly around the tables to pick out some books from among these.

Love for literature has been increased and every one has been encouraged and helped by these different projects. Wasn't it a delightful idea!

EXPERIENCE AT AN EVANGELISTIC MEETING

(Written by one of the teachers in the P. M. I., who is Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Christian Endeavor in the school.)

The P. M. I. girls and teachers began holding these meetings in 1912. The motto for the volunteer band is, "We are workers with Him."

In one of the meetings there is a Moslem man who has attended regularly for two years, even though it is held in a Christian home. He has studied the Bible very carefully. Every Sabbath after the meeting he asks many questions and compares what he hears with the teaching of the Koran. He has read lots of Christian books, one of which is "Whom Should We Follow? Jesus Christ".

Recently the workers here were refused entrance by the Christians who had been allowing them to hold the meeting in their home. So they stayed away for a week, but returned the following Sabbath. They did not find their former Christian friends. Fortunately the Moslem who had been such a faithful listener was standing on his balcony and saw them. He begged them to come and hold their meeting in his house. When the workers hesitated, he questioned them, saying, "Is it because it is a Moslem house that you won't enter?" They did not like to show that they felt there was any difference between Christians and Moslems, so they accepted his invitation and held a meeting in his house. Those who were present listened attentively and after the meeting was over the owner of the house offered his guests tea.

EDITORIAL

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WHAT JESUS SAYS TO THE CHURCHES

On a very high hill, almost a mountain, just out of Pittsburgh a large group of ministers, elders, Sabbath School workers, officers and members of Women's Missionary Societies, met recently for a Day of Prayer.

Remembering that Jesus said some very pointed things to the churches of old, we sat quietly listening to His voice as He spoke to us, to hear what He had to say to the churches today.

In the analyses made of the church by various speakers, it seemed that today Jesus could find some zeal, enthusiasm, activity, some loyalty, but He could also find fickleness, worldliness, coldness, indifference, formalism, even deadness.

In the larger assembly, reaching to nearly two hundred, and in the small prayer groups, through addresses and through prayers, Jesus spoke to our hearts. He said just the same things to us that He said to His disciples of old.

He said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers.

He said: "Go ye."

He said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

He said: "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you."

After a whole day, from 10 a. m. until 8:30 p. m., communing with Him in our own hearts as well as in fellowship with others, He said, " 'Ye have compassed this mountain long enough'. Go back to your homes, to your Sabbath Schools, to your missionary societies; 'Maintain the spiritual glow' as you go forward with the Program of the year—The Living Christ for the Whole of Life.' "

OCTOBER CLUB

October has, for many years been counted as "Magazine Month." In this month there has been a special "Drive" for new subscriptions. 1934 is to be no exception to the rule.

Our Jubilee Club in 1933 and our Convention Club in June 1934 were so successful that we have decided to have an OCTOBER CLUB. This will be the same as former clubs in rates—FIVE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR FOUR DOLLARS. Renewals accepted at the same rate provided they accompany a club of five new subscriptions. There will be a difference in the time limit.

THIS OFFER IS GOOD FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ONLY. Please do not renew months ahead in this club.

May we ask our Literature Secretaries to put forth every effort to secure new subscriptions at this time. We have gained back many of those who, through adverse circumstances were compelled to drop the Magazine temporarily. But we have not gained all and we are anxious to get back to the standard which we once reached. May we count on every Literature Secretary and every President of every society, Women's and Young Women's, giving their help in securing an OCTOBER CLUB in her society.

THE "JELLYFISH"

In a recent issue of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in the "New York Daily Letter" there was the following paragraph:

"Fourteen husbands spent most of a day visiting bars here and there in town recently, but they didn't enjoy their outing very much. All of them are the heads of families which are on the relief rolls and are receiving financial assistance from the city, the state or the Federal Government, and all of them were discovered by their spouses leaning up against the bars of various saloons in the city. The bar at which they finally ended up was not so much to their taste as the mahogany-and-brass one at which they were found. Facing a severe-faced magistrate, they were lectured on the evils of spending money on liquor which was intended to fill hungry mouths and clothe naked bodies. They were told that they should hang their heads in shame. 'A jellyfish,' the judge told them, 'has more backbone than such a husband as you are.' The wives nodded in agreement, while the husbands nodded in shame."

We read these words with mingled feelings. The poor "jellyfish" is in a hard situation. Uncle Sam with a lavish hand extends relief to him for his wife and children; with the other hand he points to the saloon and says "Enter here, spend your money for drinks, so that we may have revenue to run our government, money to make public improvements, money to buy arms, money to help the poor, the aged, the unemployed."

Poor weak shamefaced "jellyfish," with your uncontrollable appetite, that bit of money in your hand made you forget your hungry children and the beckoning hand of Uncle Sam at the saloon door convinced you that you were a patriotic citizen if you would spend a part of your money to give him some revenue. Alas! that you should have spent it all.

We hang our heads in shame that our government is a partner in your downfall. We are sorry for you poor "jellyfish."

"NOT UNTO US, O LORD"

At the Pageant of Parliament produced at the Royal Albert Hall in London, in June, NON NOBIS DOMINE, a new poem by RUDYARD KIPLING, was sung.

"Non Nobis Domine!
Not unto us, O Lord,
The praise and glory be
Of any deed or word.
For in thy judgment lies
To crown or bring to nought
All knowledge and device,
That man has reached or wrought.

"And we confess our blame,
How all too high we hold
That noise which men call fame,
That dross which men call gold.
For these we undergo
Our hot and godless days,
But in our souls we know
Not unto us the praise.

"O Power, by whom we live,
Creator, Judge, and Friend,
Upholdingly forgive
Nor leave us at the end,
But grant us yet to see
In all our piteous ways,
Non Nobis, Domine,
Not unto us the Praise."

THANK OFFERING DEPARTMENT

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Give Christ the Best

Christ wants the best. He in far-off-ages
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the finest of the wheat;
And still He asks His own with gentle pleading
To lay their highest hopes and brightest talents at His feet;
He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love;
He only asks that of our store we give to Him
The best we have.

Christ gives the best. He takes the hearts we offer
And fills them with His glorious beauty, joy and peace.
And in His service, as we're growing stronger,
The calls of grand achievements still increase;
The richest gifts for us on earth, or in the heaven above
Are hid in Christ. In Jesus we receive
The best we have.

And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember
How once our Lord poured out His soul for us,
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood
Gave us His precious life upon the cross;
The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made,
Through bitter grief and tears gave us
The best He had.

Selected.

ARE WE THANKFUL?

Recently we read of an old bell in one of the churches at Ladenburg, Germany, which has a very interesting story connected with it. A long time ago, about A. D. 1513, a young lady of noble family was returning home to Ladenburg from a visit to a neighboring village. An unexpected snowstorm brought on darkness before she could reach the town. Part of the road was through a dense forest and the heavy snow soon obliterated the way. She could not find the path and wandered helplessly about in the dark wintry night. In her distress of bewilderment and almost helplessness, she prayed for deliverance. When she was ready to abandon any effort to go another step, she heard the ringing of a bell. She turned in the direction of the sound and as the bell continued to ring, she still followed until at last she found herself under the wall of her own Ladenburg. In grateful commemoration of this deliverance, her father, Count Hans von Sickingen, founded a charity of six hundred bushels of wheat to be distributed every year among the poor of the town, with the additional charge that forever after a bell should sound from that church tower at the same hour of the night that brought deliverance to his daughter. He expressed his gratitude for the safe return of his loved one. How much more grateful should our hearts be as Christians who have been delivered from the bondage of our sins. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Are we thankful for this great gift? How are we expressing our gratitude? Very soon all missionary societies of the church will present in the annual Ingathering the accumulated Thank Offerings of the days of 1934. Will our offerings be a real expression of our gratitude to God for all our blessings? If we appreciate His wonderful goodness and mercy to us during the year, an anthem of praise and thanksgiving will rise from every heart. North, south, east and west will unite in thanking God their Father who has been their provider and counsellor every day.

ARE WE THANKFUL?

WILL WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE BY OUR GIFTS AND SERVICE?

ROLL CALL FOR MONTHLY PROGRAM

WHAT IS GRATITUDE?

It is—

The music of heaven in the soul.

One of the fairest and most useful flowers in the garden of the soul.

An assemblage of graces — the gathered honey of the choicest flowers.

A mirror of the soul, reflecting the image of its several benefits.

A bright rainbow in our spiritual atmosphere, displaying the various colors of the rays that call it into being.

Like the orange tree dropping its golden fruit upon the earth whence it derives its nutriment.

Like the verdant willow bending gracefully its boughs to kiss the waters that refresh its roots.

Like a tidal wave returning all its gatherings to the ocean whence it flowed.

Like a sunbeam sparkling on the waters, and then darting by reflection heavenward.

Like an infant with its joyous countenance smiling back its mother's love.

An awakened echo in the heart, responding to the voice of its benefactor.

The vibration of the soul's harp-strings under the soft touch of God's benevolence.

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

Thankfulness is the tune of Angels.

Selected.

JUNIOR HELPS

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Little Brother's Offering.
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HE IS COUNTING ON YOU

He is counting on you, He has need of your life
In the thick of the strife
For that weak one may fall, if you fail at His call;
He is counting on you, if you fail Him
What then?

He is counting on you, On a life that will share
In His burden of prayer
For the souls He has bought with His life blood
And sought to win home yet again.
He is counting on you, if you fail Him
What then?

He is counting on you, on that treasure you hold,
On that treasure still kept
Though the doubt o'er you swept, Is this gold not all mine?
"Lord, I knew it was Thine."
He is counting on you, if you fail Him
What then?

He is counting on you, On life, money and prayer
And the day shall declare
If you let Him have all, in response to His call,
Or if He in that day, to your sorrow must say,
"I had counted on you, but you failed Me!"
What then?

He is counting on you. Oh the joy and the grace
To look Christ in the face.
And not be ashamed. For, you laid down your all
For His sake, at His call.
He had counted on you and you failed not.
What then?

YOUNG WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Edited by the Young Women's General Secretary,
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AIMS—1. To have a Circle or a Y. W. Society in every congregation.
2. To give loyal support to each of the Seven Departments.
3. To so increase the Special Fund as to include an object in Egypt.
Thoughts to Ponder—"One says, 'A good idea!' Another says, 'A good idea! I'll work for it!' Which wins?" Be "doers of the word" today.

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL WORK

Support of Girls' Boarding School, Pasrur, India, $4,350. Salaries—Home—Mrs. Hazel A. Birnbach, Matron of Dormitory, Frenchburg, Ky.; Mrs. Eva J. Adams, R. N., Superintendent of Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N. C.; Miss Sallie E. Dickey, Chicago, Ill., $2,680; Foreign—Mrs. Ruth Lobaugh Walker, Gore, Ethiopia; Miss Mary Cole, Khartoum North, Sudan, $1,600. Total askings, $8,630.

NEW YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

Already there are six new societies for the 1935 report. Probably there are more but they have not yet been reported to the secretary of young women in the presbyterial or for publication in these columns. Let us hear from you, new circle or society.

Concordia Presbyterial—Hopewell. Mary's Circle, 12 members. President, Roberta W. Lukens, Beloit, Kansas.

Oklahoma Presbyterial—Guthrie. "The Meda Reynolds Circle (T), 8 members. President, Pearl Birch, R. R. No. 3, Guthrie.

Allegheny Presbyterial—Calvert Memorial. Y. W. M. S., 16 members. President, Jean Blackwood, 128 Dewey Street, Etna.

REPORT! REPORT!

"Take Time by the forelock!" we are advised, so mention is made now of the *report* due at the *end* of the *year*. Some societies make a lot of work and uneasiness for some one when they fail in this duty. Begin now to make a good report possible, then you will be happy to submit it when the blue blank makes its appearance. Just a few specifications:

Send a report if you have *just organized*. Send it if you have *disbursed but little or no money*. Send it if your *membership* is the *same* or *more* or *less*. Send notice if the society has *merged* with another organization or has been *transferred* to the senior division. Send word if it has *disbanded*. Send word *every April* if you *belong* to the *Y. W. department*.

SEND A REPORT!

FROM Y. W. DEPARTMENT CONVENTION REPORT (Conclusion)

Another type of question asked: "Why should the gifts of Y. W. societies be limited to the work of the W.G.M.S.? For the same reason that any other organization holds its funds sacred to its own use. Besides, "Mother WGM's" big family requires all its cash to care for its needs. There are many worthwhile objects outside our own work, but they have, or should have their own supporters. You can readily see why no special object not included in the plan of the WGMS is welcomed. It is not a case of selfish hoarding but of morally and legally safeguarding the organization in its work.

The matter of having an efficiency standard and what it shall include has raised many questions and comments. There are now two standards, the regular one and one in modified form for the use of teen age societies. "But why have a standard?" say some. "If you must have one, make it easy to attain!" Why do athletes have to put forth effort to win? Because their goals are not easy to reach. An efficiency stand-

ard is a yard stick, a measuring rod for the society to estimate the success of the year's work. Such a standard acts as a spur to renewed effort. Four hundred sixty-five societies responded this year. This speaks well for our young women. The general average was 39 per cent. Another year should show an increase. Six societies in the Y. W. group reported as having attained 100 per cent: W. 44th Street, New York, N. Y.; Brookline Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa., Girls' Guild; Neil Avenue, Columbus Evening Society; 1st Cleveland, Ohio, Y.W.M.S.; Moline, Illinois, Carol Mission Circle and 2nd Spokane, Washington, Bamba Circle.

As to presbyterials, Hudson stands first with 63 per cent; Cleveland, 61 per cent; Chartiers, 54 per cent, and Philadelphia, 51 per cent. Get ready for the 1935 report.

"Methods, please!" So the requests come. Something new is desired. This seems to be the cry of the age. Method is important but no method ever worked itself. It is not a charm. We should not make it a fetish. The most brilliant methods may end in very indifferent success or plain failure. A simple plan may be crowned with magnificent success. The success depends on the individuals back of the method and the effort they put forth and the life they put into it. A good, helpful method plus earnest, working members equals a live society. One may be a helpful member or just a fault-finding critic!

But there are mental and spiritual necessities. Failure in a society may often be traced to lack of interest due to a shortage of knowledge in the cause of missions. One of the best mediums for knowing our work is *The Womens Missionary Magazine*, yet many are satisfied to do without it. Our girls and young women read —but what? The latest fiction perhaps as found in books and magazines. But missionary interest is not cultivated by this reading! Every family should have a Missionary Magazine—OUR OWN—and others, too, if possible. One dollar a year is the price, small compared with the outlay in one three-cent daily paper (Sunday paper not considered), 72 cents a month for one daily paper (some homes buy two or three), $8.64 a year for one daily paper and not money for a one dollar missionary magazine! Let our brides dedicate their new homes by placing their names on the subscription list of *The Womens Missionary Magazine.*

An aid to the prayer life is the Prayer Cycle. It is a help to spiritual growth. This booklet is being more and more used but not every person knows much about it. The number printed annually is around *eight thousand*—for more than 179,000, the membership in America.

Try to acquaint the society with the objects for prayer, the church and missionary leadership, the stations, countries, objects of work, etc. It will be slow work. "Line upon line, line upon line," the prophet said long ago, and so it must be today.

(The reference to finances is omitted. See this in the July issue).

In view of the facts presented and the observations, has it not seemed worthwhile to have had the young women linked up to the very joy of our Lord, the cause of missions? His last command was in the interest of telling others. Could the women of the church be better employed than in helping youth to find its place in the *real business* of the church? Encourage the young women and girls to be busy in that which is a blessing, not only here during the reign of Time but which shall endure throughout Eternity.

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL CORNER

Dear Friends:

"Now that the school children have been rewarded for attendance, who will get the prizes among the women

for attendance at church and week day meetings, Miss Bayne?" said the writer.

"There are several who will share honors equally and one who would have, had she not missed several meetings. She was here every day that she was not in jail," replied Miss Bayne.

Possibly that sounds strange to you but to those of us who live in Ethiopia, it is not strange at all. There may be many reasons for spending a day or more in jail and some of them not so very serious. The woman about whom we had been speaking is the mother of three little girls and earns a living for them by making and selling bread. With some help from the Missionaries she has been able to keep the oldest girl in school and the others fed and clothed.

And then one day the agents of the Chief of Police sounded their trumpets and announced to the people living near his home that they must present themselves at the market place for an *afarsara*. This is the usual method of hunting a thief. Several sheep and other valuable property belonging to the Chief of Police had disappeared and all who might know anything of the theft were obliged to answer the summons. Some were able to buy their freedom for a dollar, or even a few timones, but most people were too poor for exemption so were obliged to sit day after day in the hot sun.

The innocent had to attend along with the guilty and it was weeks before there was enough evidence to satisfy the official that he could discover the thief.

Hada Shashitu knew nothing of the theft but she *did* know that her children had to be fed and looked after at night, so she tried to avoid attending the *afarsara*. However, she was caught while gathering wood or carrying water, and as she had no timones with which to buy immunity, she had to go to jail as her punishment.

When the prizes were given out on Christmas Day, Hada Shashitu was among those whose names were called. And she was proud and happy too, as were we who do not hold it against her that she spent several nights in jail.

What an encouragement it is to those who have their interest at heart to have regular attendance among those whom we have begun to think of as our very own! Five among the fifty school children missed a day or less at school and church services, and five among the women were eligible for prizes for attendance at church and Thursday afternoon meetings. But most encouraging of all is hearing the Bible Stories and Gospel Songs and earnest prayers of those faithful ones who have profited by regular attendance at God's House. Perhaps the prayer that is most often in our hearts is that more of those who come to us may come more regularly to learn of Him and to seek the Source of comfort and inspiration and courage for the battles of Life. And when your thoughts turn to Gore, Ethiopia, we ask you to pray with us that we shall miss no opportunity to tell forth the Word and that those who can come, will come, and listen to the Word.

Miss Ruth Walker.

METHODS

The Women's Missionary Society of Canonsburg (Greenside Avenue) church is linked to the local high school through one of its members, a teacher in the school. The new program was typed by pupils in the typewriting class, a very neat job, too. The program has proved very interesting thus far, is the report. A few quotations have been culled:

"It was little I had, but I gave all my store
To those who had less, or who needed more;

And I come with death laughing, for here at the grave
In riches unmeasured—I found what I gave."

"Without Christ, life is an empty shell; with Him, it can be filled with joy and usefulness."

Mrs. William Schriver, Canonsburg, Pa., is chairman of the program committee.

We are indebted to outside publications for the following suggestions: The *Lutheran Woman's Work* for August gives a suggestion for a special type of program, "The Magic Trip." The pass-word for the would-be tourists was, "I want to see," given by the president who was the trip leader. Scenes from different countries were planned for by certain ones, one for each country. Each scene had its own room. To give you a little idea of different happenings, China was represented by two girls giving their life stories. Liberia was illustrated by silhouettes of activities in mission work—pictures which made plainer the story related by one of the members. Another scene was a missionary seated outside an Indian village teaching women passages from the Bible. Probably these few thoughts will start you on a similar program, majoring on our own different mission activities. With Egyptian, Indian, Sudanese and Ethiopian possibilities as well as different groups in America, a varied program might be built up.

From *The Presbyterian Survey* of August comes the suggestion for a "combination salad" meeting. This might be most successful for a holiday program or one in mid-summer since most societies probably plan the program in detail for most of the year. The above suggestion would allow for a somewhat impromptu arrangement, a definite topic being assigned, but no regular speakers, each one attending furnishing something for the "salad." In this case the thought of the day centered around the topic, "Lands Afar", having to do with the progress of the gospel. You might prefer to develop medical missions or missions in general or schools or other subject. If the members would take an interest, you could have a delicious *salad* and a profitable meeting.

The Missionary Review of the World for July-August has a plan for welcoming new members. It is true that too little recognition is made of newcomers, the seasoned members failing to show sisterly interest. No one enjoys being *looked over* but scarcely spoken to by officers or members, or—worse still—ignored. Christian courtesy is in need of cultivation sometimes.

In the plan referred to, the president made the welcoming speech, telling something of the plans and purposes of the organization (the new ones might be just fresh from a sister denomination), and then each new member was presented with a flower. Then the society members, each with an unlighted candle, joined in forming a circle. Into an inner circle the chairman of the membership committee led the new persons. After this the president gave light from her candle to the one next to her, the light being passed around the circle while Scripture verses on "Light" were repeated. Then the president joined the inner circle, extending her light to the recruits, each of which, on receiving the light, slipped into a space in the outer circle made by members stepping apart, and the new ones were all accepted as regular members of the society. The president concluded the recognition by explaining the symbolism of the lighted candle which suggests *consecration*—such a life giving out lustre and receiving inspiration in so doing. Appropriate music may intersperse the proceedings and a fitting prayer conclude the exercises.

GIRLS' CIRCLE PROGRAM

By Mrs. J. C. Smith, 1860 Shaw Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio

ADVENTURING WITH DAUGHTERS OF INDIA

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Use four people for the devotional period—leader, pianist, soloist, and reader of Scripture, who may be concealed, being just a Voice.

The little monologue, Jyoti, may be bought from the Literature Department. Price 2c.

The main part of the program is a newspaper, to be called *India Inklings*. If you can secure newsprint paper, use that. Large sheets of any white paper will do. Make about half the size of an ordinary newspaper.

The different departments are suggested. You may add others. The Pictorial Section may include pictures from W.M. Magazine, other church papers, National Geographic, Asia, or others. All may help hunt these, but have the newspaper completed before the meeting.

The articles for the different departments may be typed on the paper, or cut from the magazine or other source and pasted in.

The following "pages" are outlined. (The pages indicated are the pages in the September number of the W.M. Magazine where the material is to be found.)

FIRST PAGE NEWS—

Headline the murder case—p. 7.

Women enter more professions—p. 11.

Miss Rosa McCullough spends 55 years of service in India—p. 5.

Emma Dean Anderson back home in India—p. 54.

New "Mrs. W. B. Anderson Memorial Chapel" near completion—p. 54.

Sialkot Hospital News—p. 54.

Vacation notes.

Remember Sialkot Annual Meeting dates—Oct. 11-21.

PEN SKETCHES—

Of prominent Indian women.

Mrs. Ponsonby—p. 3.

Mrs. Fazal Ilahi—p. 4.

CHURCH NEWS—

1. Women's Work as Organized in India—pp. 8, 9.
   Synodical—corresponds to W.G.M.S.
   Presbyterial.
   Local Societies, contrasting village and city societies.
2. Report of the Synodical (abridged)—pp. 14, 15.
   Dates, journeys, entertainment, place of meeting.
   Synodical president (put in her picture), the work of the Synodical, number of delegates.

EDUCATION—

Co-educational schools—p. 11.

Visiting a girls' school in a non-Christian village—p. 30.

Going to High School—p. 31.

FOREIGN NEWS—

American woman, former president of W.G.M.S., writes on "Woman's Responsibility for Recovery in America."

Code.

Spiritual Eagle (story) must live on the heights.

Chart—brief explanation.

WOMEN'S PAGE—pp. 10, 11.

1. Old customs shattered.
   Women do their own shopping.
   Girls ride bicycles.
   Women drive cars.
   Many women unveiled.
2. Society.
   "Pardah" clubs.
   Christian Woman Speaks before Arya Samaj.
   Hindu woman "steps out". Goes to dinner party with her husband, takes the children to the mountains, and hires a Christian companion.

PICTORIAL SECTION—
Pictures of India, Taj Mahal, map, pictures of mission churches, schools, missionaries, etc.

RELIGIOUS NOTES—
Gospel selling—p. 31.
Testimonies:
Fazl Bibi stops cursing—p. 31.
Bholi's experience.
Requests for prayer—p. 32.
(Leader requests heads to be bowed in prayer as these are read.)

POETRY—
Old numbers of the W.M. Magazine contain a number of good ones. "In the Secret of His Presence"—p. 45.

FINANCIAL PAGE—
India's Thank Offering—p. 37.

BOOK REVIEWS—
The Career of a Cobbler. The wonderful life of William Carey, by Margaret Applegarth, writer for younger readers.

Bells of India. Ethel Cody Higginbottom. Stories of seven bells of India and the associations of their sounds with human struggle for a better life.

The Measure of Margaret. Isabel Brown Rose. A tale of India—vivid characterization, romance, adventure and humor.

The Orient Steps Out, by Mary Jenness. A book of stories on India, the land of sacred rivers. Also China and Japan.

Invitation—Tiny map of India with the "tiny-pictured" face of a "Daughter" pasted upon it. Inside, these lines—

Sister,
Come sip with me
Some India tea.
Twice sweet the brew
If shared with you.
Time, place, etc.

WORSHIP PERIOD

Prelude. More Love to Thee. No. 235 Bible Songs Hymnal.

Solo. O God, Thy World is Sweet with Prayer. No. 172.

Leader's prayer. For the presence of God.

Scripture Response. Matt. 18:20.

Solo. Behold, I Stand at the Door. No. 220.

Scripture Response. John 15:7-12.

Leader's Thought. Abiding in Him.
The ever increasing joy of His companionship and love.
The accompanying sense of responsibility for the carrying out of His plans as we grow in His knowledge.

Piano (softly) "Abide with Me".

Scripture Response. John 14:23, 15:16-17.

Sing (all) Verse 3, No. 268, "We've a *message* to give," etc.

PROGRAM

LEADER: We are to continue today our adventures with the "Daughters of India". It is said, "All the world loves a lover", but it loves a bride more. We are going to have a peep at a little bride of India whose name is Jyoti. (If possible have the bride behind a screen until this time.)

Impersonation in Costume—Jyoti.

Prayer for the young girls of India.
Those unhappily married to older men.
The little widows.
Thanksgiving for Christian brides starting Christian homes—the hope of India.

LEADER: We are to have tea today with one of India's daughters.

Girl in Costume (may be Jyoti): Perhaps while tea is in preparation you will like to follow some of the adventures of India's daughters in this newspaper I have here—"India Inklings".

LEADER: Why, how interesting! It has all the departments of a modern newspaper. Here, I will divide it and we can pass the time reading it to each other.

Read last the Religious Notes ending with requests for prayer.

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

By Mrs. Wm. S. Cook, 1201 Sixth Avenue, Beaver Falls, Pa.

HOME MISSIONS

During July and August either the missionaries or the people are away on their vacations and few reports have been received. The first of September finds all in their usual places and we hope for full reports for next month.

Miss Meda Reynolds, R.N., of Guthrie, Oklahoma, who was appointed Superintendent of our hospital at Frenchburg, to take charge when Dr. Mitchell, who resigned, should leave, sends her first report. We feared that Miss Reynolds would be homesick during the summer when so few are left on the campus, but she has been more than busy, at least part of the time.

We solicit an interest in your prayers for this young woman nurse who has assumed the responsibility as Superintendent of the hospital. Her report follows:

My dear Mrs. Cook:

From the reception of the first letter inviting me to take charge of the Frenchburg hospital, I made plans with great interest. After three months' experience I can say that it is indeed a pleasure to be here.

On my arrival in Mt. Sterling on the evening of April 29, I was met at the station by Rev. and Mrs. Stephens. The trip from Mt. Sterling was a most enjoyable one as it was a gorgeous moonlight night, and I received my first impression of the beauty of the Kentucky mountains. I found the campus and buildings to be much more attractive than I had pictured them. They form a bright and sunny spot in the hill country of Menifee county.

The month of May was spent in making the acquaintance of the workers of the school and Dr. Mitchell and becoming familiar with the activities of the hospital. When I see the results of the wonderful and extensive work carried on by Dr. Mitchell in the hospital and throughout the county, it makes me conscious of my inferiority at times, especially in the effort to gain the confidence of the people and to create within them the willingness and desire to accept the ministry of the hospital. But I have found the people willing to co-operate, and the expressions of their appreciation make the work pleasant and interesting.

Miss Meda Reynolds. The New Superintendent of the Frenchburg Hospital.

The month of August was more strenuous and proved more profitable than those preceding it, since the time of my assuming responsibility. The 16th of the month brought a very sad tragedy to our community, resulting in the death of the County Sheriff. Our little hospital ministered to seven victims brought in at 3:15 in the morning. Three surgeons were immediately summoned from the nearest towns and with the aid of three additional nurses we were able to get the injured patients comfortable in a few hours. All but one are making recovery. During the month we cared for fourteen patients, a total of eighty-six hospital days. Of this

number two were surgical cases and nine accident.

There was a time when this might have been considered a little isolated town, but it is now connected with the town, twenty-three miles distant, by an improved highway, making it easy of access to all our friends. We commend to you a visit to our school and hospital.

Very sincerely,
Meda Reynolds.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT EZEL SCHOOL

By the Rev. Ray Davis, Ezel, Ky.

Many times we are asked the question regarding what there is to do in this place when there is no school going on. Well, after all, that is an interesting question and worthy of consideration. Lest there are some who feel that we are just keeping house until school opens, I want to give you a view showing something of what we have been doing during the summer.

There is the usual work of repair and upkeep that generally occupies a great part of the time. A new heating unit has been installed in the teachers' home, and from all indications the teachers will have no difficulty keeping warm this coming winter when the temperature drops low. Then the teachers' home and the church have been newly painted, and this is no small job. This work has been done by the Carr brothers, Revis and Marvin. And what a beautiful piece of work they have done! The buildings are painted solid white, with sashes and screens black. We are all proud of the appearance made by these buildings. These brothers are faithful workers in the church program here, Revis being one of our new elders. Should anyone who reads this letter need some *good* painters, we unhesitatingly recommend them for faithful and honest work.

I want to tell you also of the work on our truck farm. The early part of the summer was quite dry and Mr. Myers felt that we would have little garden crops available. But the rains came and then all his careful planning began to be realized. The gardens have been quite productive, having some vegetables that no other gardens have been able to produce. Fine planning and hard work have been profitable for us especially in the times when foods are on the advance.

Well, of course, there are the many calls to be made, and the summer time is about the only available time when such can be done. Time has gone so swiftly that we have been unable to get done what we had hoped. The best laid plans for the days were often swept away by emergencies arising, or callers wanting to talk over matters pertaining to their children or themselves. This has become so common that we have almost ceased to make any plans outside of general plans.

We come to the opening of another school term thankful for the blessings we have been receiving. The lawns are green, buildings in good repair, a winning spirit among our people, and an organized spiritual force in our church, after a summer of loyalty and devotion to the cause of Christ here. The fine group of pupils gives us much encouragement and challenges us to greater attainments. You will hear much about these later on.

But what of the future months? Will you please remember us in your daily prayers? And when you think of us, also please remember that there are many people who will need clothing in order to send their children to school. We shall write you in a few days about that. Help us all you can, and immediately. May God bless us richly in all things.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT

MRS. ARTHUR B. McBRIDE, Secretary, 847 Thorne St., Sewickley, Pa.

TAMA NEWS

A long-to-be-remembered Church social was held at Tama during July. The yard between the Chapel and the parsonage lighted by electric lights, made a fine out-door auditorium and the Chapel steps the platform. A band concert was followed by singing, short speeches, an illustrated talk on India, using costumes secured by Rev. and Mrs. Patterson when they were missionaries in India, then games and refreshments of which all partook heartily. Expressions of appreciation from several of the 160 Indians present made our new missionaries feel it was worth while.

Mrs. O. A. Spicer, president of the W.M.S. of First Church, Monmouth, Illinois, Mrs. W. H. Drayson, first vice-president, and Miss Lois Buchanan, one of our dear girls serving in India, were guests at Tama over the week-end, July 13-15. Miss Buchanan spoke at the Sanatorium on Sabbath afternoon and all were delighted with her talk. If "their visit was a real encouragement" to the missionaries, what did the visitors receive? Would that more of our women could see the Home Mission work for themselves!

"When we know, we care
When we care, we serve."

Chapel, Parsonage and barn at Tama, Iowa. The door of the chapel opens toward the parsonage. It was on the lawn that the social was held.

The thermometer at the Manse recorded 107 degrees at the end of a four-day stretch of mid-July heat!

Heavy rains fell in this section of Iowa and resulted in much sickness among our Indians at Tama. Many of the wells went dry and since they were not deep, the surface water filled in too quickly, resulting in bad water. A good spring down by the railroad has proved a blessing. Our missionary family are so thankful that they have such a good well at the Parsonage.

TOLD OF INDIANS

An Indian's Explanation.—"Touching the righteousness which is in the law" (Phil. 3:6). It happened that a white man and a North American Indian were deeply convicted under the same sermon. The Indian was almost immediately made to rejoice in pardoning mercy, but

the white man was for a long time in great distress of mind. At last he, too, found comfort in God's forgiving love. Some time afterward, on meeting his Indian brother, he thus addressed him: "How was it that I should be so long under conviction, when you found comfort so soon?" "Oh, brother," replied the Indian, "me tell you. There come along a rich prince; he promise to give you a new coat. You look at your coat and say, 'My coat pretty good; it will do a little longer.' He then offer me a new coat. I look at my old blanket. I say, 'This good for nothing.' I fling it right away and take the new coat. Just so, brother, you try to make your old righteousness do for a little while; but I, poor Indian, had none. So I glad to receive at once the righteousness of the Lord Jesus." —From the Christian Herald.

An Old Indian's Record.—"Go ye." On one of my trips to Guatemala, Mr. Burgess asked me whether I would give a few Indian men special lessons in soul-winning. Just imagine trying to teach this man when you hear the story. Anselmo was sitting on the fourth seat back. While speaking I turned to this old man and said, "Tell me, Anselmo, how many have you led to Jesus this year?" (This was about the twelfth of February). The old man's face fell. He said, "Ah, Senor, very few." I said, "Tell me how many." He said, "There are not more than thirty, Senor." Early in July of that year, I received a letter from this old man, and it contained a list of 144 whom he had led to Jesus before the first of July. That would be a life work for most Christians in America.—From "Christ Life."

This story is told of an aged Indian, half naked and starving, who wandered into a Western settlement, begging. While eating the bread of charity, someone noticed a pouch hanging about his neck. The Indian called it a charm, given him by his Father, in his younger days. On examination, it proved to contain a discharge from the Federal Army, entitling him to a pension for life, and was signed by the President of the United States. What a picture of man, with all the promises of Jesus at his command, and yet he starves in the wilderness, without Him.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

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MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

November 3—Miss Marie E. Cash, R. N.
November 6—Miss Jeannette L. McCrory.
November 6—Miss Isabel Simpson.
November 15—Miss Carol E. McMillan.
November 17—Miss Ethel L. Weed.
November 26—Miss Betsy Fleming.
November 27—Miss Margaret A. Bell.
November 30—Miss Leota Cabeen.
November 30—Miss Aulora R. McIntyre.

INDIA

The Statistical Report of the Women's General Missionary Society for the year ending March 31, 1934, has been sent out to the officers of the Presbyterials. It gives the list of societies and the total membership and the amount of money given to every department of missionary work carried on by the women of the Church in America as well as in India, Egypt, Ethiopia and the Sudan, but it does not give in detail any of the activities of work carried on from day to day or month by month. It is therefore interesting to get a glimpse of the work done in India as reported briefly to the Women's Board. There are 1340 girls in 33 village schools and 511 girls reading in boys' village schools. Of these there are 907 Christian girls and 43

Christian women teachers. 13,263 visits were made in 9,098 zenanas. 1,713 non-Christian women were under regular instruction with 3,715 other hearers in zenanas. Our missionaries made 2,226 visits in 1,385 villages and held 4,126 meetings, with 325 meetings especially for children. 12,551 Christian and 24,406 non-Christian women were reached in villages, and in hospitals and dispensaries 61,526 heard the gospel story. There are 48 Bible Women with 677 Christian women under regular instruction. 2,600 Bibles or gospel portions were sold. No doubt this report can be duplicated in Egypt and in proportion in our other fields. Let us pray that the seed thus sown may be multiplied many fold in a rich harvest of souls saved.

A large card has been received bearing an invitation to meet Dr. R. C. Hunsberger in recognition of her services rendered to the public of Sialkot, at a Garden Party in the New Memorial Hospital. This was signed R. B. Diwan Charan Dass, Advocate. The list of hosts numbers fifty-eight and they are apparently the most prominent and influential men of Sialkot City. It is evident that Dr. Hunsberger is held in high esteem to be thus honored. We are glad indeed to know that our doctor and hospital have made such an appeal to the people that they feel free to use the grounds for their pleasure, even to speaking in a possessive way of "our hospital."

They have a nice Sabbath School and every Sabbath the staff, the nurses, the patients who can get out of bed, and the servants attend. A few come in from the outside so that sometimes eighty are present. Some of the old patients come back for the meeting as they like the singing and always take part in it.

Miss Evelyn Cathcart is again teaching at the Leper Asylum in Rawalpindi. One Mohammedan woman appealed to her very much. She was from the hills and talked Pushtu so did not understand Urdu very well. She always came to the class, though, and had such a hungry look in her eyes. She would repeat the memory verse after Miss Cathcart and as it was John 3:16 perhaps she got some idea of the message. There is one little boy about seven who attends the class very regularly; his mother is too sick to come. Miss Cathcart does not know how much he understands but at least he enjoys helping to pass out the cards or pictures which she gives each day. He is all his mother has so they let him stay with her, although as yet he does not have the disease. They say it is contracted from very close contact and the children often have leprosy started on their faces where their parents have kissed them. One nice little woman who comes has a darling baby about six months old and a cute little boy of three. No doubt Miss Cathcart takes all precaution, but we pray that she may be kept safe from this dread disease.

The Punjab has just had a visit from Gandhi. He was in Lahore, the capital city, for five days. There were huge crowds and the report is that he collected plenty of money for his Harijan work. At one place where there was a high caste man opposing him the followers of Gandhi beat him up so now Gandhi says as soon as his tour is finished he will go on a seven-days' fast to do penance for his followers. He wants all the workers for the uplift of the low caste to receive salaries, so already there are charges and countercharges of dishonesty.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, which was held in Gujranwala in July, have been received telling of some of the changes in location of our missionaries and something of the plans for the coming year. All are looking forward to the Sialkot Convention and the An-

nual Meeting of the Mission at Sialkot October 11-21. Let us remember this meeting in our prayers.

EGYPT

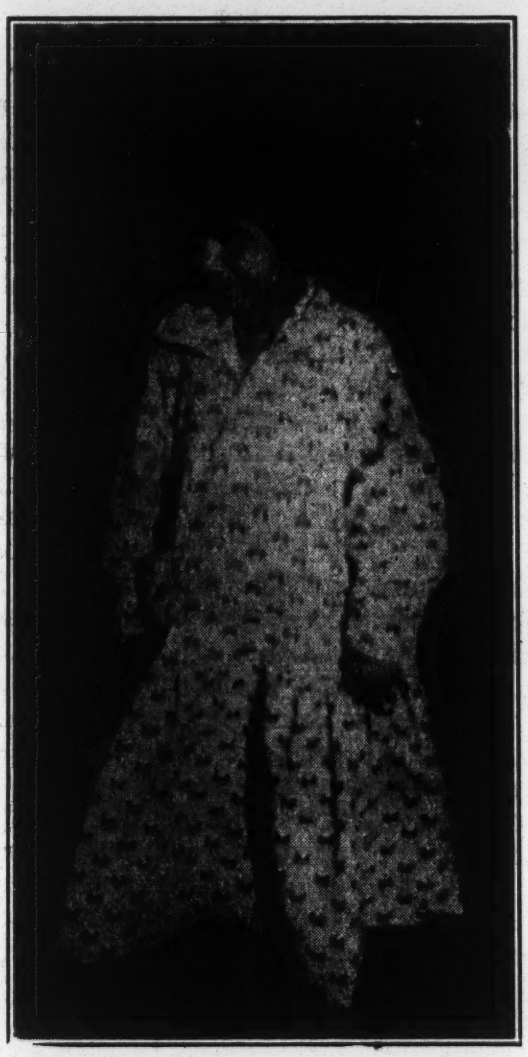
A cable message received informs us that our missionaries returning to Egypt after furlough arrived safely in Alexandria. We know they and all who have been vacationing in various places are happily at work by this time. Just a few reports of the outings have been received. Miss Carol McMillan of Tanta, tells of her trip to Austria. She found it just what she needed to give her new energy. She says Austria is a very beautiful country. It is almost all mountainous and all the high peaks are heavily wooded with evergreens and forest trees, very different from Egypt. The people are very pleasant and kind. One can hardly understand this in thinking of the conditions reported in our newspapers. She at least has experienced nothing but kindness and courtesy from everyone she met. She spent several days in Vienna and had a wonderful time sightseeing. She was much interested in all the splendid Government buildings and the two imperial palaces, seeing the crown and the Church jewels and robes. Most of the time was spent in Mallnitz—a small village in the heart of the mountains. It has an altitude of 4,000 feet, so she found the weather quite cool.

Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., and several friends spent their vacation in Jerusalem. They had all been to Palestine before so this time planned to visit places near Jerusalem. They took several short trips, among these to Bethlehem and Bethany. They enjoyed this vacation immensely.

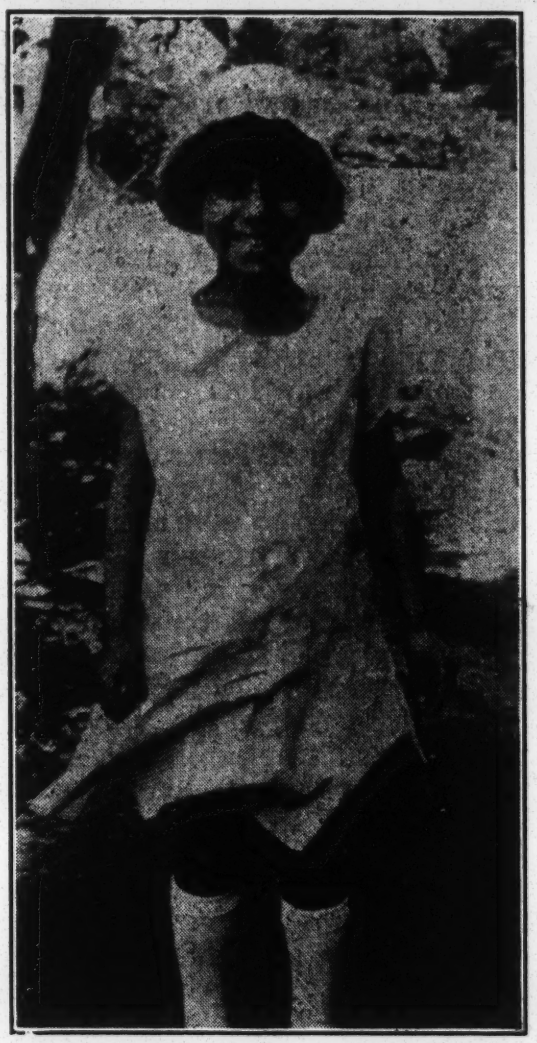
The Minutes of the Egyptian Missionary Association held in July were received recently. A very enjoyable meeting was reported in spite of difficult matters that came before the Association.

The friends of Miss Anna Duncan will be sorry to know that she was called to her reward during the past summer. She had served for a number of years as a missionary worker in Egypt, being located for a time in Cairo and also in Assiut. She was a devoted Christian and much beloved by her fellow workers.

Miss Jeannette McCrory tells the story of her work during the past year. She writes: "The work in this district has been quite unique in many ways. I am beginning to get the women organized for real work and in several villages they are doing wonderful work. Six new missionary societies have been organized and three more are ready to organize in September. In every place the pastor tells me when I get the women started to giving more for the church work they at once see the men begin to give too. So I am hoping that these missionary societies are going to help in plans I have for working out the self-support of these congregations. I expect to be sponsoring twelve missionary societies and think that will be as many as I can look after until they are strong enough to stand alone." Miss McCrory had cared for a little eight-year-old girl called Fatma for eight years. During the anti-missionary campaign last Fall the child was taken from her and she had not been permitted to see her since. Consequently she decided to take another child and soon located a complete orphan, a Christian child of five or six years whom her relatives were glad to give to a missionary. As she is a Christian the Government will not take her away. This child was ill with a sore eye when Miss McCrory first took her so she had to send her to a doctor every day for two months. She finally had to have an operation on her eye and an aching tooth had to be extracted. After that she had to have some medicine. Miss McCrory says: "She pepped up to such an extent that I almost regretted giving her the last bit of attention for I felt my life



Little Kamala as she came to us ill, with infected eyes and suffering from a variety of diseases.



After medical treatment was given to her, and the arms of Christian love thrown around her. Now the adorable Kamala.

would have been more worth while if she had felt a little depressed. She is the brightest, peppiest Egyptian child I have ever seen and though she nearly drives us all mad we simply adore her. The teachers in school just can't keep her busy and so she nearly raises the roof. A picture of Kamala when she came to us, and today will show what our care of her has done for her."

SUDAN

Some summer vacations have been the order of the day in the Sudan as well as in our other fields. Miss Elsie Grove had planned to spend her vacation in Khartum North but for various reasons changed her mind and has been in Heliopolis, Cairo, for a time. She was enjoying her rest very much although most of the time it was very warm. Miss Mary Coie and Miss Frances Turk, R.N., took a short vacation in Erkoweit.

Miss Marguerite McClellan travelled with Mrs. Heasty and her son to Egypt. Mr. Heasty was not able to get away during the summer. Miss McClellan left Khartum North two days before school dismissed in order to visit two days at Atbara. She took two of the dependent girls along to spend the summer with a fine Egyptian family there. The two days were strenuous but very pleasant

ones. She was guest in the home of one of the former teachers. All our church members in Atbara are Egyptians and all called on her while she was there. She had a visit in the C. M. S. (Church Missionary Society) Girls' School in Atbara and received many ideas to use in her own school. After visiting in Egypt for a time, Miss McClellan went on to Syria in company with Miss Lillian McClelland for the remainder of her vacation.

A letter has been received from Miss Mary Jane McKnight; this was written on board the steamer as she neared Marseilles. The voyage was somewhat rough but altogether the trip was very comfortable. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McKnight and family and Miss Isabel Blair were also in this party. They were expecting to arrive in Khartum in time for the Association meeting in August and after that go right to work.

Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., of Nasir, expected to spend two months on vacation in Egypt.

Miss Blanche Soule, R.N., has been back in Nasir somewhat more than a year and reports a very busy time. At the beginning of the school year it seemed better to have the girls in the school by themselves than for them to go to the Day School with the boys and men, so she started school on her veranda with her metal doors as blackboards. As soon as the medical department was moved into its new building the whole two room clinic was cleaned, whitewashed, and benches were made; also blackboards were made out of old pieces of metal, two tables were found and the girls moved in. Miss Soule teaches Hygiene to all the boys and men and also teaches Third Year English two days a week. She has nine girls to help with the care of the little children and with the other work and the garden, too. She has 14 girls and the little children for her Bible hour. She has always wanted to have a school garden so her girls might learn to raise vegetables and learn to eat and like other things besides their kafir corn. Now she has the garden, which is quite a good sized piece of ground, and has had a wire fence put around it for two reasons—that the little children might have a place to play where they would be safe, and that the sheep and goats could not get in. Miss Soule writes: "The teacher in our Boys' School, who is the best English pupil we have, and I, have been translating the Gospels. We have translated John and Luke and Mark and also part of Matthew. We hope to have all the Gospels and Acts done by the time Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith get back from furlough. After we have a gospel translated we have the other teachers go over it. All of these teachers are Nuers who have had some English." Miss Soule asks prayer that these Nuer men who are working with her on these wonderful gospels may get a real vision of our risen Lord and that their lives may be wholly given over to Him and thoroughly consecrated to His service.

ETHIOPIA

For a number of years Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., served as a missionary in Ethiopia, first in Sayo and afterwards in the George Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa. Early in 1931 she came home on furlough and could not go back on account of the health of her father and mother. Her father died a year or two ago and last Spring her mother was taken to her Heavenly Home. At once Miss Beatty's thoughts turned to Addis Ababa and she declared herself willing to resume her work in Ethiopia. She has again been located at the hospital in Addis Ababa and reservations were made for her to sail from New York on September 18. She was to go as far as Alexandria with Dr. Whitcomb and family and Rev. Hugh Kelsey and family. Mrs. A. H.

Wilson of Columbus, Ohio, the mother of Dr. Harold J. Wilson of the George Memorial Hospital, has decided to accompany Miss Beatty and visit her son and his wife and her wee granddaughter. We hope and pray they may all have a very comfortable and happy voyage and may reach their desired havens in safety.

Dr. A. W. Pollock of Addis Ababa has not been well but we are hoping by this time he has recovered his health.

The Dorcas Circle of our United Presbyterian Church in Rochester, N. Y., often sends donations to our work in the different fields. This year they are sending a box to the George Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa containing the following: 66 dozen abdominal sponges, 81 dozen tonsil sponges and 13 dozen cord dressings. We know these articles will be much appreciated and be very useful in caring for the sick ones.

A letter from Rev. Bruce B. Buchanan of Sayo contains this paragraph: "We are indeed happy that Miss Isabel Blair is already enroute to Sayo. We know she will have a most hearty welcome here for she is exceedingly popular with our people as well as with the Mission circle."

NEGRO DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Secretary of Negro Work, 412 S. Main St., Zelienople, Pa.

On August 5th, the school building at Camden was struck by lightning. From the wire received, we feared extensive damage, and consulted our insurance policies, to see if a "lightning" clause was included. To our great satisfaction and relief it was, and we got in touch with our agent immediately. The expenses of the repairs, which were started immediately, were not so great as we feared, and were all met by the various companies in which we were insured.

A communication from The Duke Endowment Committee advised that Greenwood County had applied for, and received a loan from the P.W.A. to build an electric power plant in direct competition with the Duke Power Company which, in addition to county service, includes a large number of beneficiary institutions, of which our Jubilee Hospital at Henderson, N. C., is one. It was brought out that fifty per cent of its payments to hospitals, comes from the income on Duke Power Company securities.

Protests were sent to Washington from all the hospitals in North Carolina and South Carolina. The latest copy of *America's National News Weekly*, sent from Washington reveals the fact, that this loan was granted, without any consideration to the protests of the hospitals whose existence depends on the aid received from this fund.

Professor Peters of our Prairie Mission, who represented the Negro work at the Convention in Steubenville, writes his impressions as follows: "It was a wonderful trip for me. The things I heard and saw, and the many kind people I met will furnish me with material to talk about all year.

"Coming in contact with the officers of the W. G. M. S. and many of its members and seeing the work as presented in the reports, gave me a much broader view of the wonderful work being done and made me feel my commission as a very serious matter. I hope I may be able to advance the cause of Christ, inasmuch as He has enabled me to enjoy such blessed fellowship."

As a result of his contact with the members of the convention, several packages of used clothing have been received, which will meet in a measure a great need. While there may

be food for their people, there will be nothing for clothes. Any contributions of this kind are most thankfully received and badly needed.

THYNE INSTITUTE

By the Rev. F. W. Wilson, D.D.
Chase City, Va.

The time is drawing near to begin another term's work. The outlook seems to be very good. I have had more than the usual number of requests for catalogues, and applications are coming in. I expect an increase in the number of day students. We are expecting two more busses to be put on. The county gives us no help along this line. Private parties are financing them.

I am expecting Mrs. Seright, Mrs. Gaines and Miss Osborn to continue their work. There was an opening in High School which Mrs. Shuman wished to fill, so I have given her that position. She did excellent work with the girls in sewing last year.

I have a plan, if it meets with the Board's approval, which I think will work. Mrs. Couch has been helping with the cooking and other things in the girls' dormitory. She is a fine seamstress, in fact she is fine at any work which she undertakes. She is willing to take the sewing in the elementary department in the forenoon and then do her work in the dormitory in the afternoon. I would like to combine her work in that way. We can get all of the elementary sewing in the afternoon.

I count the work in the sewing department as important as that in any other department. You would have been delighted if you had seen some of the splendid work which some of the girls did last year. In fact they do that kind of work every year.

We have had an abundance of rain, and the crops are fine. It looks now as though the crops will bring good prices. The outlook for the farmers here is good. I tell them that they ought to be thankful. I think that the prospect here is better than it is in any other section of the country.

We spent three weeks in June in Ohio. The rest of the time we spent on the campus. We did not have the extreme heat which they had in other parts of the country.

School will open on the eleventh of September.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. R. McMunn, Secretary, 302 Hastings Ave., Oakdale, Pa.

JUNIOR JAUNTS

"Junior Jaunts" is the title given by Mrs. C. W. Fulton to the very attractive series of new lessons she has recently prepared for the use of the Juniors. This month we are to take a jaunt in Ethiopia. We first visit an Ethiopian home. You may see something of what some Ethiopian homes are like by looking at the picture just below, of a little girl who is standing at the front door of her home and is holding in her hands her only toy.

One of the subjects suggested for the program for this lesson is "What the missionaries are doing." The following little incidents related by Miss Viola Bayne tell of her work as a nurse among the sick children in Ethiopia.

SMALL POX

The Smallpox sign in Ethiopia was adopted last year during the usual epidemic season. Wild asparagus grows out on the hillsides like many pretty vines do. This long feathery vine is quite green at this time of the year when other vines are dry. The asparagus vine is placed over the door of a smallpox home and

allowed to hang low over the front of the house. Such a sign should certainly read "keep out" but in this land it is more often read "come in." And so, I have spent the past three days going from one street to another, "hunting the signs" and reading them through the eyes of an Ethiopian. Behind the signs are some very ugly pictures and after one visit in a home I adopted the air of the "Board of Health" and went in and out among the sick as one with authority.

"At the front door of her house with her only toy.

My first visit was to an old stable, where a mother and baby lay on an old mat and covered with the ragged clothes of the mother. Both patients with hundreds of pox over their bodies and the eyes so swollen light could not be seen. No water, no fire and of course no food. Finding the master in a nearby house, I was surprised to find him one of my friends. He has a clean new house, pillows on his bed, and a curtain hanging in front of the door. I promised to return the next day and asked that the hut be cleaned, a fire built, and food placed near the mother. My next patient was just across the path.

Here was an old grandmother with a boy of perhaps fifteen. He too was covered with pox and suffering from headache and stomachache. This house, while not so dirty was a very humble one and the old mother drinking from the same tin as the sick lad. Advice was given here and orders to report to the clinic the next day with money for medicine.

In another home, two small boys and a servant suffered. The children in separate beds and the servant on the kitchen floor. The children had been very sick but well on the way to recovery, yet in need of a bath and medicine. The servant was not so ill at the time of the first visit but died in three days.

Simbo—was burned and had to have her foot amputated. Friends in America made her happy with these dollies.

From one house to another the signs called until fifteen homes were visited. The next day, all of these

houses were revisited, and what a miracle had taken place! Many appeared at the clinic and bought medicine for the sick. The baby in the stable had died but the mother had been moved onto a bed and a comfortable fire burned beside her. She followed her baby to rest today.

In these days, many many, sick ones have found help. Many have died while others have not been visited at all. Hundreds of vaccinations have been made at the clinic. In every home visited, prayers have been offered for the rich and the poor alike. Priests, officials and servants have whispered their thanks for the help they have received from Him who sent the American Mission to Gorei to serve among the sick.

Viola Bayne.

THE WAGES OF SIN

The work of every Christian is that of following the example of our Master in advising men against the ways of sin. This is not always pleasant nor can the advice always be given without boldness. Christ said to the multitude, "who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Certainly in this day, ears do not accept this way of teaching any more than the ears into which Christ tried to pour His advice.

About six years ago, it was my misfortunte to meet with a woman who had been committing a great sin. In her sin she not only broke the laws of God which are so little feared, but the laws of her government which are at most times greatly feared. Before I met with this woman I was called to intercede for a servant in her home. The woman angered by this little girl of about seven, hung her by the wrists to the rafter of her veranda and then went off to sell in her beer-shop. Releasing the child and calling official help brought the wrath of the woman upon us and upon the neighbors. I learned this in a true way when later I went to advise her. Two years ago. this woman began a ten year's stay in the local jail at the end of which time she is to pay the sum of five hundred dollars. Advice is cheap. Yes it is. But how much cheaper it is to heed than to pay for. This woman is typical of many people in the world today. We have ears and hear but soon harden our hearts. The price we are to pay is far greater than ten years in a local jail and the chances for escape as impossible as an Ethiopian woman collecting five hundred dollars from among her friends.

Viola Bayne.

Lord who am I to teach the way
To little children day by day,
So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them knowledge, but I know
How faint they flicker and how low
The candles of my knowledge go.

I teach them power to will and do
But only now to learn anew
My own great weakness through and through.

I teach them love for all mankind
And all God's creatures but I find
My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord if their guides I still must be
O let the little children see
The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

—Leslie Pinkney Hill.

TEMPERANCE AND REFORM

MRS. HARRIET S. BOOBYER, Secretary, 1470 Alabama Ave., So. Hills Br., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The sixth of the Recommendations adopted by the W.G.M.S. at Steubenville read as follows: "Resolved, that we, the Women's General Missionary Society in Convention assembled, representing over 30,000 women and young women, strongly protest to the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Mr. Will H. Hays, president, the production and showing of any film or any scene in any film or the inclusion of any conversation that belittles or ridicules in any way the Holy Sacraments or the ministry of the Protestant Church. Particularly do we protest the showing of the film, 'Marriage On Approval,' which throughout the entire picture misrepresents and ridicules the life, the character and the sacred office of a minister of the Gospel. We direct that in addition to the letter of protest to Mr. Will H. Hays, similar letters signed by the president and the secretary of this Convention, be sent to the State Boards of Censorship in the six states having the same, so as to give as wide publicity as possible to this protest. We would also go on record as co-operating in any movement looking toward the betterment of conditions in motion pictures." This protest was sent as directed by the secretary of the Convention and to date the State Boards of Ohio and Kansas have not replied while the State of Virginia merely acknowledged receipt of the letter. The other answers are given as space permits.

The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, through the secretary, Mr. Carl E. Milliken, after acknowledging receipt of the protest against the picture, "Marriage On Approval," says: "On investigation it appears that this picture was produced by Monarch Pictures Corporation, a company that is not a member of this Association and, therefore, has not subscribed to the provisions of the Production Code. I enclose a copy of the Code and direct your attention to the marked paragraph on page 5." This marked paragraph under the heading, "Religion," reads as follows: "No film or episode may throw ridicule on any religious faith. Ministers of religion in their character as ministers of religion should not be used as comic characters or as villians. Ceremonies of any definite religion should be carefully and respectfully handled."

The Motion Picture Division of the Education Department of the State of New York replies, "You may be sure that we are doing what we can do under our statute to enforce the provisions of our law relating to the review and licensing of motion pictures in this State. In our action, we are strictly limited to these statutory provisions as construed and applied by the courts in connection with this or similar statutes. We appreciate your interest in the matter of motion pictures and believe that such action is extremely helpful."

The Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors expresses their answers thus: "Your letter of the 28th is acknowledged. We appreciate our attention being called to the film, 'Marriage On Approval,' which has not yet been submitted for censorship. We shall be on the lookout for it."

One of the nicest letters came from the chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Censors, Mr. Samuel D. Schwartz, who says, "We are happy to report to you, and hope you will transmit this information to your Society, that the picture, "Marriage On Approval,' was banned several months ago by the Pennsylvania State Board of Censors. Therefore audiences in Pennsylvania will never see this film. We heartily

subscribe to the thoughts expressed in the Recommendations concerning the ridiculing of the Holy Sacraments and the ministry of the Protestant Church. The Board is ever on the alert for situations of this kind and never hesitates to remove them. We believe that the ridicule of any religious denomination on the screen is vicious and for that reason we will at all times remove sequences of a nature that are derogatory to any religious belief."

I do not believe that the right-thinking people of the State of Pennsylvania, or of any other state that has a really censoring Board, realize what they and their children are saved from having to view on the screen by the censoring of films. After viewing films in the State of Florida, I came home with a great regard for the value of a State Board and a very burning sense of the need of Federal Consorship or some other restraining power in picture production. The Production Code, referred in the letter from Mr. Carl Milliken, exists on paper, it is true, but it seems to be little enforced. So I give honor and credit to the State Board of Censors of Pennsylvania who in spite of ridicule and pressure cut and ban as they do. They deserve the support we are often so slow to express.

If Miss Corena Daugherty, 624 Lincoln Way, East, will send the Temperance and Reform Department her complete address with city and state, we will be glad to mail the material ordered at the Convention.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

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LEAFLETS FOR NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Bible Reading—Egypt, 2 cents.

Women of the Bible—2 cents.

One Hundred Twenty Years' Service in Egypt (new)—10 cents.

Higher Education of Girls in Egypt—3 cents.

A Christian Home Among Moslems—3 cents.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 8, 1935

The theme for the year is "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens". As formerly we shall handle World Day of Prayer supplies. Early orders will guide us in our buying.

NOTE

The Literature Department wishes to complete two files of the Prayer Cycle and lacks copies from 1915 to 1921 inclusive. If there are those who have copies for any of these years and who are willing to give them to us, we shall be grateful.

JUNIOR HELPS

About the first of September some excellent program helps for junior leaders entitled "Junior Jaunts" were mailed out from this office by the Junior Committee to each listed Junior Leader and Presbyterial Junior Secretary. If any leader has not received her package, the mistake is ours and will be rectified upon receipt of notice of the omission.

TRIBUTES

MRS. W. D. McGILL

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Lisbon, Wisconsin, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. W. D. McGill, who was called home July 19, 1934.

Mrs. McGill will be keenly missed in the Missionary Society, the church, and by her Sabbath School class which she taught faithfully for thirty-five years.

We feel that to her was the promise fulfilled, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

To the bereaved husband, son and daughter we extend our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to the Saviour Who alone comforteth.

Committee Wisconsin Presbyterial.

MRS. MARY McCORMICK

The Women's Missionary Society of the U. P. Church of Ewart, Iowa desires to pay a tribute of love and appreciation to the memory of Mrs. Mary McCormick, who was called to her Eternal Home, July 25th, 1934.

She was ever loyal to her home and to her church and was most faithful in attendance of the meetings of the Missionary Society as long as health permitted, having been a charter member and also a Life member for a number of years.

Hers was a life dedicated to her Lord from girlhood, gifted in many ways and always willing to let Him use those gifts when needed. We shall miss her warm greeting and cheery smile, but her courage and faith will remain an inspiration to all who knew her.

"Weep not that her toils are over,
Weep not that her race is run.
God grant we may rest as calmly,
When our work, like hers, is done.
Till then we would yield with gladness,
Our treasure to Him to keep.
And rejoice in the sweet assurance,
He giveth His loved ones sleep."

To all her loved ones, especially the husband, daughter and sisters, we extend sincere sympathy and commend them to the Saviour whom she loved and served.

Resolved, That a copy be sent to the family and a copy be sent to *The Womens Missionary Magazine* and that a copy be made on our records.

Committee,
Mrs. J. W. Hamilton
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MRS. S. S. KELLY

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the Second United Presbyterian Church of East Liverpool, Ohio, desires to pay a tribute of love and esteem to the memory of Mrs. Minnie L. Kelly, who was called to her Heavenly Home on July 26, 1934.

We bear testimony to her love, faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to her trust in his infinite word. She was a loyal member and devoted to her family and home. We shall miss her warm greetings and cheery smile.

Loving sympathy is extended to her husband, S. S. Kelly, and her son William, and to all her loved ones. We commend them to the Saviour who said "My Grace is sufficient for thee."

Mrs. F. J. Lenk,
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Committee.

"The string of camels come in single file,
Bearing their burdens o'er the desert sand;
Swiftly the boats go plying on the Nile,
The needs of men are met on every hand.
But still I wait
For the messenger of God who cometh late.

"I see the cloud of dust rise in the plain,
The measured tread of troops falls on the ear;
The soldier comes the Empire to maintain,
Bringing the pomp of war, the reign of fear.
But still I wait;
The messenger of Peace, he cometh late.

"They set me looking o'er the desert drear,
Where broodeth darkness as the deepest night.
From many a mosque there comes the call to prayer;
I hear no voice that calls on Christ for light.
But still I wait
For the messenger of Christ who cometh late."

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Reference texts are found on the margins of pages.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Does any patient ever leave our mission hospitals without having heard a Gospel Message?
2. Who, alone, can minister to the needs of the Rural women of Egypt?
3. Egyptian women the counterparts of what great women?
4. Name some new methods of evangelism.
5. "As is the woman, so the home and as the home, the nation"—Whose saying?
6. Library Projects in an Egyptian School—What and Where?
7. Where did a mother give a Thank Offering for children in useful service?
8. Who wouldn't "bother mother?"
9. What is the Raitt Memorial Program?
10. Six hundred bushels of wheat —For what?
11. New use for asparagus—Where?
12. What new translations of Scripture are being made in Nasir?
13. Who is the new Superintendent of Frenchburg Hospital?
14. An unusual lawn social—Where?
15. What love did for an orphan child.
16. What state censors pictures that ridicule the Sacraments and the ministry of the Protestant Church?

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A Little Time Apart

Tuesday, 10 A.M.

"Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile"

Thanksgiving

The year with goodness Thou shalt crown,
  Thy ways o'erflow with blessedness;
The hills and valleys, clothed with green,
  Are joyful in their fruitfulness.
The pastures teem with flocks and herds;
  The golden grain waves o'er the fields;
All nature, singing joyfully,
  Her tribute of Thanksgiving yields. Psalm 65.
(Bible Songs No. 4) No. 136: 3, 4, vs.

What a beautiful picture of "perfect Nature, at her best", at this season of the year, is presented in the above words.

Those who have been blest with plentiful nature; ripened grain, fruitful trees, healthy flocks and herds, have much to be thankful for. But are we thankful? Have we been thankful for all these blessings of the past? Have we given for His cause, or even offered to God one prayer of real thanksgiving? Have we not been more like the nine lepers whom Christ healed, who forgot to come back and thank Him?

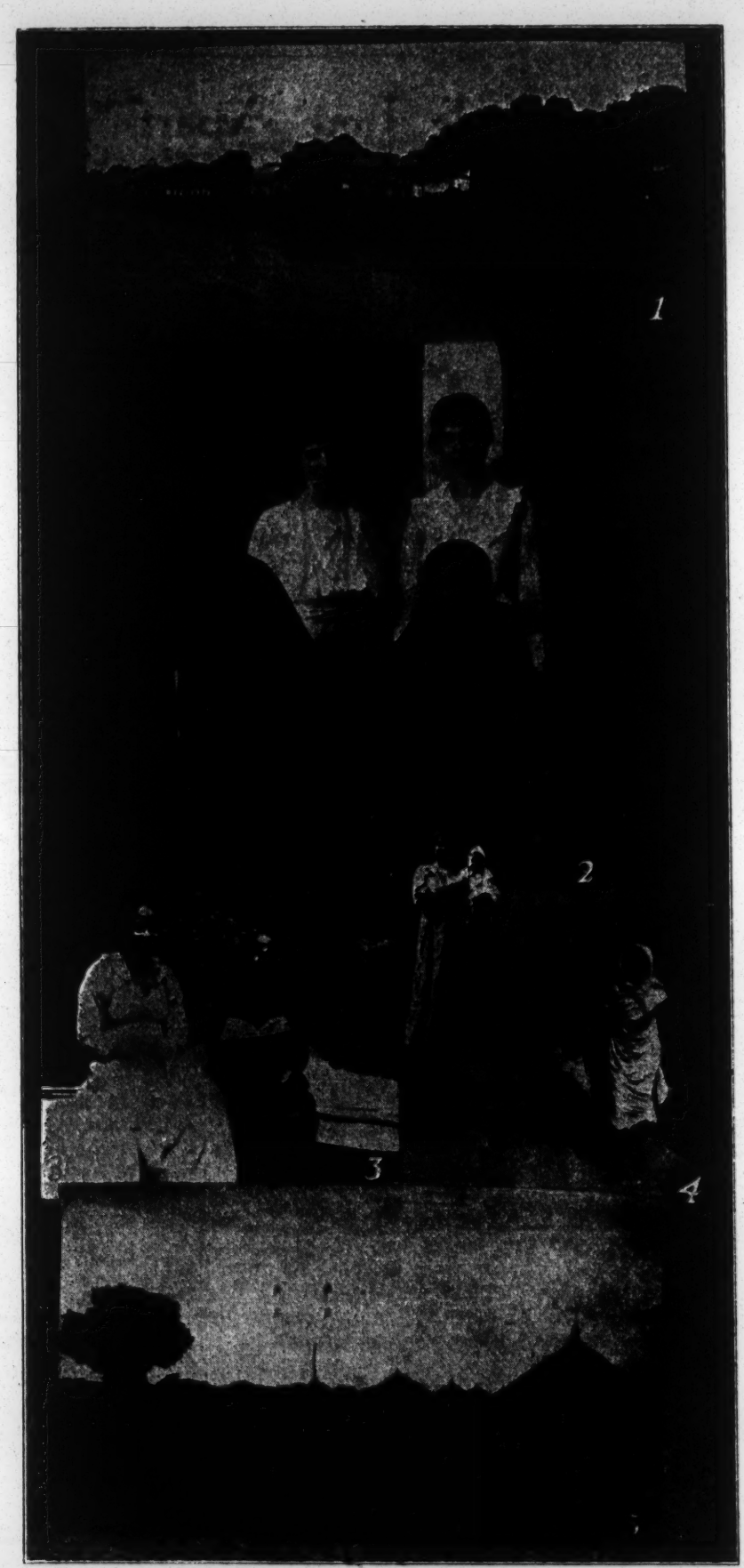
When we are needy, hungry, thirsty, suffering, and stark ruin faces us, then we remember to come to God in supplication. A very pitiful sight was a picture in a recent periodical, of a family, parents and children, all standing in a row in front of their home, with heads bowed down almost to the ground, "Praying for Rain"! During prosperity we feel independent of God. We forget Him. "If we have forgotten the name of our God", as a nation or as individuals, we will be brought low, to our knees, in due time. As a nation we have broken God's laws of sobriety and decency; disobeyed His commandments; allowed hate and warfare to come into our midst; and have shown ingratitude to him who formerly blest us. Like Hezekiah planned to do, we have allied ourselves with a foreign nation for help, when instead, we should be "trusting in the Lord."

Read the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, about what the Lord promised to the nation that hearkens diligently to His voice, to observe and to do all His commandments. O, the wonderful blessings that follow: blessed in the city and in the field; blessed in the fruit of thy body and of thy ground, and of thy cattle and flocks; blessed shall be thy basket and thy store; in thy coming in and going out; in thy store houses and whatever thou settest thy hand to do; He will open His good treasures; and the heavens to give rain; even our enemies will be smitten before our face. O, the many wonderful blessings promised to those who obey Him. But, if not,—O, the curses in this chapter!

Like the picture in the magazine, let us bow our heads, and our hearts, in confession and repentance—, "then will God make His face to shine upon us", and bless us again. Let us show our genuine thankfulness for the precious gift, Christ Jesus; by bringing our tithes and offerings into His Courts. He challenges us in Malachi 3:10 to try Him: "Bring ye all the tithes and offerings into the store house that there may be meat in mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Speaking *words* of thankfulness, or praising Him with our *lips* is not enough; but real, true gratefulness is shown in actions, in the giving of tithes and offerings for His cause. "Thanks" will be shown in "giving," and only then will we celebrate truly our Thanksgiving Day. Christ demonstrated His love for us by giving Himself, so will our Thank Offerings of gifts show to Him and the world that we are truly thankful for all His wondrous gifts to us and for His most precious gift, Christ Jesus.

Mrs. Hetty Graham Evans, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.



SCENES FROM THE SUDAN

No. 1 A Wady Halfa—the Gateway to the Sudan; No. 2 Misses McIntyre and McKenzie and their Bible Women; No. 3 Um Sadeega and her pupil; No. 4 Sudanese girls inside the "Hosh"; No. 5 A Sudanese village in the tall grass.